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## Council turns 'golden legacy' into gaping £1.8m black hole

**THE joint leaders of Harlow Council are this week under pressure to resign after a £1.8m hole in Town Hall finances was revealed.**

Backbench councillors have turned up the heat on joint leaders Tony Durcan and Chris Millington, demanding to know what caused the crisis and why it was not averted.

And the Labour group faces a major split, with former leader Kevin Brooks accusing the new regime of squandering the 'golden legacy' he left them and warning that colleagues would vote with the opposition against any proposed cuts.

At a stormy meeting, the leaders faced a tough grilling and were forced to deny accusations that the fiasco was kept under wraps until last month's glowing Government per-

formance assessment was published.

In a further blow, the Labour/Liberal Democrat administration had to admit its budget working group – set up to monitor cash flow in the wake of similar financial problems in 2004 – has not met for a year.

Furious councillors have branded the situation a return to the "bad old days", which culminated with £2m of cuts to leisure, community and youth services in order to balance council books.

Fears are now growing that more services could again face the axe as the long-term impact of the crisis hits next year.

And sceptics have suggested the soon-to-be-demolished town pool – officially closed for health and safety reasons – was the first casualty.

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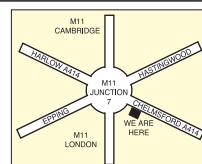
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# Student uncertainty is blamed on college

By **CHRIS MOSS**  
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**FURIOUS** students at Harlow College fear their futures are being jeopardised over alleged failings in teaching and learning resources.

An entire class of second year media students are concerned they will not achieve their BTEC National Diplomas come September due to the disruption caused by mass staff redundancies and "overcrowded" classrooms.

They claim staff have lost coursework, that they are not following the curriculum and have no idea where their classes will be held each day until they arrive at college in the morning.

They also say they are re-doing work they have already completed and claim to have been set no practical assignments since the end of 2006.

Those who originally planned to go straight to university say they have been given no guidance and now many fear they will have to postpone their move into higher education until the following year.

Student Charlotte Smith (20) said the situation has got out of hand: "Our new teachers don't seem to have any idea of the level we're supposed to be at."

"We've even been told some of our coursework has been lost since September, and until a few days ago we were sharing overcrowded classes with first-years – the organisation on our course is a joke."

Classmate Ashli Long (18) claimed the group were not being treated like adults and said some computers are not even loaded with the software they need.

And despite calls for crisis talks, Lea Pilch (18) said their complaints and requests for meetings with senior teaching staff – including Principal Colin Hindmarch – have fallen on deaf ears.

The claims are only the latest controversy to hit the college, which has suffered a number of blows after more than 100 experienced lecturers were made redundant or left their posts in July.



**CREATIVE POSTERS:** Pictured are, rear, left to right, Emily Azara, Michael Barrett, Bradley Hicks, Paul Jones, Maddie Allen, front, left to right, tutor Simon Boyce, Joy Thomas, Matt Wilkins and Sarah Maunders (photo: STVGTCYY/02)

## Poster project adds a splash for colour

**ARTY** students did their bit to brighten up the community when they designed posters and hung them in empty shop windows throughout the town centre.

A group of teenagers from

Harlow College took part in the project as part of a collaboration between visual arts students, the Harvey Centre and Harlow Window Works Project.

The aim was to display work and utilise some of the

unused spaces around the Harvey Centre.

Simon Boyce, visual arts principal tutor at the college, said: "This is a great opportunity for our students to show their work to a wider audience and it

gives them the discipline of creating work with the general public in mind, not just to be hung on the walls of their classrooms.

"This experience will help them when they come to plan for their final shows."

In October, education watchdogs Ofsted criticised the facility for failing in three key areas and having more than 80 new staff – some of whom have no teaching qualifications.

Mr Hindmarch told the *Star* this week he was unaware of many of the students' concerns but accepted that the multi-media course was beset with problems which he was working to

resolve.

"I can guarantee that come the end of their course, all students will have successfully achieved what they set out to achieve in the first place," he added.

## Burglar sent to prison for two raids on depot

A **BURGLAR** has been jailed after he twice tried to steal property from a Harlow Council depot.

William Wilson (29), of Spring Hills, Harlow, pleaded guilty on Monday at Chelmsford Crown Court to two charges of burglary with intent to steal and going equipped for theft. He also admitted driving without a licence and insurance, failing to supply a specimen of blood and failing to surrender to custody.

Shereen Dyer, prosecuting, said police were called to Harlow Council's depot in Perry Road on January 23 after an alarm went off.

Wilson was found at the rear of a yard and claimed he was looking for somewhere to "doss down".

The court heard he had made an unsuccessful attempt to steal property from the council premises the day before.

He was initially granted bail but failed to attend the court on February 20. However, he was caught by police after he was stopped driving a car at speed in Harlow on August 14 and refused to supply a specimen of blood.

Anthony Heaton-Armstrong, in mitigation, said Wilson downs his problems in either drink or drugs and added the attempted burglaries were "not very sophisticated".

The court heard Wilson has previous convictions for burglary.

He was jailed 16 months and banned from driving for a year.

## M-way acid drum spurs congestion

**TRAFFIC** was thrown into chaos in Harlow on Tuesday after a barrel of a potentially dangerous chemical substance was found smouldering on the M11.

Police and fire crews set up a decontamination zone after hydrochloric acid was discovered on the hard shoulder between junctions 5-6 inside the M25.

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## A Christmas cracker

ELDERLY folk got into the festive spirit at a Christmas lunch.

Age Concern Harlow invited around 40 of its service users to the festive treat at the Horns and Horseshoes in Foster Road on Thursday.

Age Concern spokeswoman Lisa Mahoney said: "It was great for everyone to be able to meet up and enjoy themselves."

Pictured above, *left to right*, are Irene Coben, chairman Derek

Wing and Debbie Myall (photo: PCYTBYRY/03)

● A GROUP of older ladies enjoyed a Christmas gathering of their own, thanks to Harlow Women's Network.

The event last Tuesday was funded by a grant from charity Help The Aged.

More than 20 members took a trip along the Stort on a canal boat before tucking into a meal at the Harlow Mill in Old Harlow.

# 'Gift' of life that flows in all of us

**WITH Christmas just a few days away, people are being asked to give the gift of life by making an appointment to donate blood.**

December is traditionally the month when blood supplies across Essex and east London drop by around 10 per cent.

So the National Blood Service is asking regular donors not to let the holiday celebrations get in the way of giving a pint.

And with only four per cent of people who could give blood actually doing so, there is also a call for new people to join the ranks of the donors, with the slack Christmas period being the ideal time to sign up.

Although stocks fall over the period the demand for blood and its components in hospitals remains constant and can even increase.

National Blood Service spokesman Gareth Bell said: "December is a busy time of

the year for everyone with Christmas just around the corner but it is vital people find a spare hour to give a pint of the red stuff.

"Some blood products, such as platelets that are often used to support cancer and leukaemia patients throughout their treatment, can only be stored for five days which means the Christmas break is an even more pressing time for us."

Mr Bell added that local sessions had recently introduced a new appointment system which makes giving blood a much quicker and convenient practice than in the past.

Anyone aged 17-59 and in good health can give blood. Regular donors can continue up to the age of 70.

The next donor sessions take place tomorrow (Friday) between 2-4pm and 5-7.45pm at the Latton Bush Centre, Southern Way, Harlow. For more information call 08457 711711.

## Children receive awards for effort

MORE than 650 children with special needs from schools across Essex converged on Harlow Sportcentre when it hosted the President's Sporting Club's annual sports award lunch.

The youngsters and their carers enjoyed a traditional lunch and entertainment. There was also a guest appearance from Father Christmas.

All the children from 24 different schools, including some from Harlow Fields, were invited for their achievements in sport.

Club chairman Mike Jackson said: "The highlight of the lunch is an award ceremony to some of the children who have made significant achievements in sport.

"This is to recognise endeavour rather than elitism and can vary from swimming two or three strokes to taking part in an outward-bound type course."

## Festive fashion

STYLISH Christmas clobber is on offer at bargain prices at a Harlow charity shop as it begins its Christmas sale.

The Young Men's Christian Association shop in Little Walk has assembled a collection of party wear for the festive season.

Manager Danielle MacLaughlin said: "With sparkly tops from as little as £1.99 and classic evening dresses from £4.99 people can afford to look great and support our charity. For £15 they can buy a fantastic outfit and that £15 could be used to provide three hot meals in a YMCA hostel."

## Coffee break

A COFFEE morning to raise money for the homeless takes place on Sunday at Moot House in The Stow, Harlow.

The event, which will also feature a raffle, book sale and carol singing, runs from 11am-2pm and is in aid of charity Crisis.

Organiser Terry Armsby, of Whitewaits, Harlow, said: "We want to make this a fun event, bringing the people of Harlow together to help homeless people."

## New exhibits

AN exhibition of new items acquired by the Museum of Harlow during the course of 2007 goes on display on Saturday.

The museum, in Muskham Road, is open from 10am-5pm.

## Student health

STUDENTS at Harlow College were given the chance of a check-up as part of a two-week screening and sexual health awareness programme run in conjunction with West Essex Primary Care Trust.

## Santa helps Rotary's Christmas collection



CHILDREN could have been forgiven for thinking Christmas had come early when Santa Claus began a tour of Epping.

But the man in red was not there to give out gifts. Instead he was collecting them for the needy.

Santa was once again supporting the Rotary Club of Epping's charitable scheme on Monday.

He will return to the town tonight (Thursday) to collect

**ON TOUR:** Pictured with Santa John Burgess are, *left to right*, Peter Stevenette, kneeling, Geoff Woollerson, Trevor Johnson and David Hancock (photo: PNRXBMZY/04)

gifts in St John's Road, Crows Road, Tower Road. Then on Monday look out for him in Church Hill, Hemnall Street and Bell Common, on Tuesday in Orchard Drive and on Wednesday in Blackacre Road. All visits take place between 6-8.30pm.

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## RAID ON RESERVES

THE policy and resources committee approved – by three votes to two – a rescue package which includes efficiency savings and deferring some projects until the next financial year.

But the lion's share of the black hole will be plugged from reserves.

By agreeing to this, the council has broken its own rules.

Its medium-term financial strategy, a document signed by all parties and valid until 2012, explicitly states: "A policy of not using revenue reserves to support the budget has been formally adopted."

Tony Durcan and finance officer Sunil Modalee claimed the move is acceptable because the strategy was supposed to be "flexible".

But Conservative leader Andrew Johnson retorted: "That's not how the rest of us see it – it's supposed to be a firm statement of policy."

Meanwhile, Kevin Brooks warned: "If we breach it, it's a very serious matter and will cast serious questions on our credibility."

## MORE CUTS?

A REPEAT of the painful £2m cuts of 2005 looks likely.

By using reserves, there will be no immediate loss of frontline services – but when it comes to next year's budget, facilities which avoided the chop last time – such as Pets Corner and The Leah Manning Centre – could go.

The situation has raised suspicions about the hurried disposal of Harlow Pool on 'health and safety' grounds, an accusation voiced at the meeting.

But the administration could get an even rougher ride than before. The 2005 cuts had cross-party backing but Kevin Brooks warned that many Labour councillors would team up with the opposition to defeat future cuts.

"My group certainly won't be voting to cut frontline services – no way," he insisted. "To expect the public to pay the price because people in charge of the Civic Centre haven't been doing their job properly is not on."

# On the brink of a £1.8m black hole

By **BEN WILKINSON**

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**COUNCIL chiefs in Harlow stand accused of squandering a golden financial position following the revelation of a massive £1.8m black hole in the town's finances.**

Three years after a round of swingeing cuts totalling £2m, fears are growing that more services could be axed as the authority acts to stem a new financial meltdown.

The revelation comes just one month after the Audit Commission called the council the most improved in the country following an apparent turnaround of its woeful finances and mismanagement which had landed it a "poor" rating in 2004.

Now the latest crisis has spurred claims that the real problems were deliberately suppressed until the inspection was completed.

The council's Labour/Liberal Democrat administration has been forced to take emergency action to plug the shortfall, agreeing to raid reserves to make up some of the deficit – a move it previously vowed never to take.

It is feared popular services such as Pets Corner could face the axe as the knock-on effect of the raid on coffers shows itself next year.

Leading the scathing attacks at Thursday's policy and resources committee was the man credited with turning the crippled council around three years ago.

Former Labour joint council leader Kevin Brooks turned on his own side, accusing successor Tony Durcan of tearing up his legacy.

"This council and this town went through a lot of pain to achieve what we did," he fumed.

A CATALOGUE of reasons have been given for the crisis, but there is debate over the extent to which officers could have controlled the situation. Councillors heard 72 per cent of the increased costs or shortfalls are outside their control, such as an unexpected reduction in a Government business growth grant scheme and the spiralling cost of concessionary travel for OAPs. However, with hundreds of thousands of pounds for



**UNDER FIRE:** Joint council leaders Tony Durcan, left, and Chris Millington, pictured at the launch of the council's *Harlow Times* magazine this summer (S)

"Even an O-level management student knows you monitor budgets monthly. This is managerial incompetence at a basic level."

Tory leader Andrew Johnson, addressing Mr Durcan and his Lib Dem counterpart Chris Millington, added: "We signed up to those huge cuts last time on the basis it was a one-off, on the basis we would go through the pain and come out better the other end."

"But now we're back to the bad old days – how could you possibly have allowed that to happen?"

Independent councillor John Paul Goddard also joined the attack, calling on the pair to resign.

"The reason members from all sides came together to agree on that enormous budget cut in this town – a budget cut which effectively raped my ward of every service in it – was exactly to avoid what's happening tonight," he said.

"If councillor Brooks did leave this town a golden financial legacy, then surely it's turning to copper now."

## WHY THE CRISIS?

increased staffing costs in Town Hall departments, some felt action could have been taken and there was fury that the trends were not spotted sooner. Kevin Brooks said: "When I was joint leader, one of our greatest achievements was establishing the budget and performance working group. Because it met monthly, there

was time to take corrective measures ... but it's not met for 12 months and there's never been a vote on that. A group like that, which is doing good work and has cross-party support, doesn't just stop meeting by accident."

There were also accusations that the situation may have been suppressed so as not to jeopardise the council's recent 'good' comprehensive performance assessment rating – a claim denied by the leaders.

## LABOUR SPLIT?

THE financial turmoil looks to have sparked a leadership crisis within Labour, the biggest party of the coalition.

Group leader Tony Durcan came under sustained attack from predecessor Kevin Brooks, who stood down in May 2006 and plans to emigrate next year.

Conservatives were clearly surprised by the withering assault, particularly when Mr Brooks – who is not even a member of the committee – revealed he had been asked to attend by other concerned group members.

He had originally been due to substitute for more loyal Labour colleague Sean Folan and vote with the opposition against raiding the council reserves.

However, Mr Folan unexpectedly turned up and, despite remaining silent for the whole meeting, denied Mr Brooks a vote and saved the day for the administration.

Tory leader Andrew Johnson noted: "If Kevin wants to submit his application to come across to the opposition, I'll consider it, but I have to say it looks as if he's already got a group of his own and there's a serious split within Labour."

The meeting also saw signs of division between the two joint council leaders, with Lib Dem boss Chris Millington announcing he was "not happy" but felt he had to back the use of reserves as it was the only way out.

The *Star* understands several administration councillors are planning to rebel against the leadership when the decision has to be rubber-stamped at a full council meeting tonight (Thursday).

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## Concert showcases musical talents



**FAWBERT AND BARNARD:** Pupils had the chance to show off their musical talents when they took part in a concert at the Old Harlow school.

About 30 pupils played instruments during the one-off performance while the school choir, which had sung at a charity event at the Royal Albert Hall the previous week, were also involved.

A school spokeswoman said: "About a year ago the children had the opportunity to take up musical instruments and this was just a little event held to see how they were getting on. It was very much enjoyed."

(photo: BFZQDC4X/01)

## In best of health



## Hats a good idea

**STEWARDS:** Pupils and staff went as mad as hatters when they held a tea party to celebrate literacy week. Staff dressed as fairy tale characters while cakes were sold to pupils and staff at lunchtime. The proceeds raised will go towards the cost of shipping more than 1,000 books donated by pupils for youngsters attending schools in Kenya.

Organiser Clare O'Sullivan said: "I am absolutely delighted with the efforts of staff and pupils in getting into the spirit of the day and raising the profile of literacy both in our school and in a school in Africa."

Pictured are, *back row*, Tammy Kyriakou, Di Johnson, *front row*, Jack Baldwin and Jake Hannam.

(photo: NYQNYM4S/05)



**BURNT MILL:** The First Avenue school was celebrating this week after it was awarded Healthy School status and picked up an award.

Headteacher Stephen Chamberlain, assistant head Paul Williams and deputy head girl Jessica Aldous, *pictured above*, attended the National Healthy Schools presentation ceremony in Chelmsford where they received a quality mark plaque.

The award represents high standards in healthy eating,

physical activity and personal, social and health education as well emotional health and well being.

The school received the award after being visited by county council advisers who agreed it had met a wide range of challenging criteria.

Mr Williams said: "We are really pleased. This is a great accolade for the school and we are only one of a select number to have been awarded this status. It shows we are doing our bit for students' health."

## Food for thought down on the farm



**MILWARDS PRIMARY:** Pupils had a lesson in where food comes from when they visited a farm as part of a 'From Farm to Fork' education project.

During the visit they learnt how to identify seeds and planted some wheat of their own. They also had the opportunity to see how wheat is used for food by cooking their own pizzas in the kitchen.

Deputy headteacher Caroline Chapman said: "The fact the children were able to plant their own seeds fits in very well with our activities at school as we are currently making our own garden."

Pictured are pupils Chris, Faye and Sam planting seeds with farm manager Anthony Slade.

(S)



## WE SAY

**M**OST readers will remember the savage council cuts of 2005 in which community centres, leisure facilities and youth services were ruthlessly axed in a £2m bonfire.

As the decision was approved, police had to be called to the Civic Centre to deal with hundreds of outraged residents.

In scenes hard to imagine for those not present, then-joint council leaders Kevin Brooks and Lorna Spenceley at one point had to be protected by six officers.

But although the reasons for the hard-headed action failed to convince many residents, those in power believed it was the only way to solve the council's enormous problems.

The depth of the financial crisis was such that councillors faced down their critics for the long-term benefit. Even the opposition, which could have made huge political capital by criticising the cuts, chose instead to back the leadership.

It all seemed to have paid off handsomely - until last week.

How can it possibly be that less than three years later, the council's finances are back where they started? How must residents now feel, knowing they went through all that pain for absolutely nothing?

And here's another question demanding consideration - if joint council leaders Tony Durcan and Chris Millington decline to do the decent thing and fall on their swords, will their colleagues have the courage to turf them out?

# I'm not surprised by insult to Harry's life

SIR, I wonder if people were surprised by the *Star's* front page article last week "How could they be so heartless". It didn't surprise me in the least.

Society in general today has lost all sense of common decency. I knew Harry Howe, or better yet Sergeant Harry Howe, Royal Artillery. He was a prisoner of war of the Japanese and put to slave labour on the Burma-Siam railway.

Harry never lost his sense of duty, honour or loyalty to his country and when he finally got home at the end of the war, he was always on hand to help anyone, service or civilian, who was in need. Was this the best we could do for him, just to throw his treasured possessions out? The final indignity to a brave and kind gentleman.

We have a society today which generally doesn't give a hang for the feelings of anyone other than themselves, and not even much for themselves, but this man gave so much to his country and its people for them to have a better life than he had. To what end?

Take a look at today and a look at the 1920s and 1930s - I know which I prefer and I am so glad that I am not a young man today, with all of the filth, bad language, aggression and, most of all, selfish thoughtless attitude. Sodom and Gomorrah, I wonder?

Albert A. Hobbell RA-RB Ret'd  
Sycamore Field, Harlow

## Better all the time?

SIR, The residents of Harlow should now be aware that the Audit Commission considers Harlow Council has improved its service provision to them from the previous rating of 'poor' in June 2004 to a rating of 'good' in November 2007.

Are the residents impressed? Do they believe and agree with the Commission that they receive better services from the council than in 2004?

For example, do Keir Harlow Ltd provide an improved repairs and street scene service, at a cost of £18.3m, above that provided by the former direct labour force? Do councillors provide a better service to residents today than they did in 2004? Their allowances have certainly improved, with some receiving over £7,000!

Are tenants now receiving an improved consultation service than in 2004? The Audit Commission is ambiguous on this subject. Will it improve? It could, if the councillors decided to listen to their core constituents. Will it happen? The answer, as in 2004, is no.

Gary Roberts  
Carters Mead, Harlow

## Not their business

SIR, I wish to draw readers' attention to a questionnaire sent to all parents of children at Harlow Fields School, asking for information about themselves and any disabilities they may have. Why would a community special school like Harlow Fields need to know this information?

Harlow Fields was built in 1999/2000 to cater for and include pupils with a range of special needs such as severe complex learning difficulties and physical and profound disabilities with post-19 provision (new model special school).

Why do the school managers ask for parents to identify themselves and give information such as whether they are HIV positive, have cancer, drug addiction or depression? Apart from being intrusive,

such information is confidential, which no parent should be asked to give other than to appropriate medical professionals.

Whilst we are mindful of the school wishing to improve access for all disabled members of the community and parents, this questionnaire seems to be totally inexplicable as there are no disabled toilets in the reception area for pupils, parents, staff or visitors.

Perhaps Bill Rammell can give us an answer as to where all the money for post-19 provision is going? And perhaps Marion Pluckrose from Sencan (special educational needs and children with additional needs) can confirm the post-19 provision at Harlow Fields School?

Name and address supplied - Editor

## Pub's so very caring

SIR, For many years now, The Herald pub has been giving a Christmas dinner to the elderly, especially those in sheltered housing.

Throughout the year, they hold quizzes, darts games, etc, to help pay for this.

No publicity has been thought of but I think they need their kindness and thoughtfulness to be mentioned and perhaps other pubs may do the same for their elderly people.

It is a wonderful meal and the entertainment throughout is excellent.

It is a shame that only bad news gets the headlines today. Good news is soon forgotten, but not in the minds of the grateful people who share this meal. Those living alone, too, can find friendship and caring and we are all very grateful for all that they do for the elderly.

May it grow across Harlow and show the

world the better side of the town instead of the doom and gloom.

Mrs O Landers  
Hintons, Harlow

## Season's givings

SIR, I should like to thank Patsy Dye and all her team at Harlow Homeless Centre for staging a truly fantastic concert at St Paul's Church, in The High, on December 1.

The London International Orchestra performed many of our favourite pieces but what made the evening so special was the news that £4,000 had been raised in support of a very worthwhile cause.

With Christmas fast approaching it is important that we take time out from spoiling ourselves rotten to remember that there are others within our community for whom this year has been less kind.

For those *Star* readers who were unable to lend their support that night, I would ask that they consider adding the Harlow Homeless Centre to their Christmas shopping list.

Just a single pound from every resident would secure the charity's future and give Harlow's homeless a Christmas to remember and the prospect of a brighter future.

Guy Mitchinson  
Joyner's Field, Harlow

## What a wet notion!

SIR, And now, for our first contribution to the 2012 Olympics, we are closing the town swimming pool!

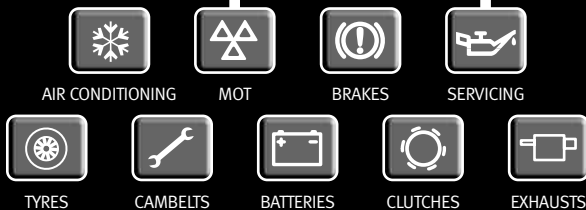
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## Is Town Park in peril?

SIR, I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiments of the letter writer regarding our Town Park (*Letters*, November 29).

It is a truly beautiful place which is appreciated and used by most people in Harlow. But, if the council's bid for £14.7m is successful, just imagine what damage and restructuring could follow in the name of regeneration and re-development; it does not bear thinking about.

The sale of Marshgate Depot

and, of course, the swimming pool and car park (all within the Town Park boundary) really should provide enough funds to maintain the park for many years to come.

I would ask again, why would Harlow Council apply for lottery funds of £14.7m? There has to be a hidden agenda here and the whole proposed plan has to be stopped before the wrecking starts.

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## 70 TO JOIN BIG PROTEST

A PLEA for peace was made by more than 70 Harlow women when they travelled to the Greenham peace camp in Berkshire to protest at the siting of cruise missiles. Among them was councillor and Harlow Technical College lecturer Sandra Edwards, a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and a fervent opponent of the growing nuclear arms race.

## SHOWS AT THE SHOPS

SHOWS by bands, entertainers and theatre groups are planned for the Bush Fair shopping centre in the new year. The Bush Fair Traders' Association, which is organising the shows, hopes they will revive the atmosphere of the area, built on the site of a medieval fayre.

## QUERY ON FUME DANGER

THE possibility of diesel and petrol fumes causing cancer has been taken up by Harlow MP Stan Newens with the Department of Health and Social Security. He has urged that research be carried out to assess the information and has received a letter from the minister for health Kenneth Clarke.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

Were you a member of the police or emergency services in decades past and have interesting local memories to share?

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# Drama all the way for town's theatre



By  
BEN WILKINSON

**R**EGULAR correspondent Paul Hopkins writes in response to our question about the Harlow Theatre Working Party, a group set up 50 years ago with a view to establishing The Playhouse.

"I was its secretary and also represented Harlow Theatre Guild, forerunner of the Harlow Arts Council," said Mr Hopkins, a former local journalist.

"Of the other six founder members who met in my flat in The Hides, Margaret Jones (now Hopkins) of the Harlow Development Corporation and Gordon Hewlett, guild treasurer and a later manager of the theatre, are still around and Don Anderson, from Harlow Urban District Council, came back for the town's 60th anniversary celebrations earlier this year.

"The others were Potter Street headmaster and guild chairman Bob Jones, corporation liaison officer Len White and county drama adviser Jack Mitchley."



**FOUNDATIONS:** Pictured are, left to right, Jennie Lee, Stan Newens, architect Terry Hinchcliffe, councillor Martin Lawn and Harlow Council chairman JF Beecher

Mr Hopkins said that although the Playhouse only opened in 1971, the concept is as old as the town itself. "Frederick Gibberd's masterplan of 1947 showed a group of civic buildings

including a town hall, art gallery and theatre facing Second Avenue. Only part of the town hall got built as planned and the theatre was moved to its present site to make way for the college.

"Ten years after the masterplan was published the working party tackled the question of whether Harlow really needed a theatre and, if so, whether it should be amateur or professional, proscenium or in-the-round or flexible and how it could be paid for.

"It took another 10 years, during which the working party was succeeded by a Harlow Theatre Action Group to campaign for a theatre of any kind, to get from debate to the designing stage." Mr Hopkins, now living in Epping, also recalls later controversy over the construction of council architect Terry Hinchcliffe's design.

"A public inquiry was held in 1967 over the narrow issue of whether the council could borrow £172,000 towards the £360,000 cost. There were 105 objections but the government could hardly say no as arts minister Jennie Lee had already put £47,500 into the kitty!

"The full story is told in *The Long and the Short and the Tall*, Harlow Arts Council's history of the arts in the town from 1947 which I edited. It covers the opening of The Playhouse in 1971 and carries the story on to autumn 1982, ending with the words "Curtain on Act One".

"Now a further 25 years have passed in which The Playhouse has had a stormy life. Perhaps it is time for Act Two to be written."

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## Firemen's wedding parade

**W**HEN we printed a picture believed to be the Nettleswell and Burnt Mill Auxiliary Fire Service of the 1940s recently, we noted how smartly turned out the men were to be fighting blazes.

So thanks to Tunnmeade resident Angela Mulcahy for an explanation of the photo, originally sent in by Rita Hester.

"The picture was taken at the wedding of my parents, Les Lewis and Violet Horsnell," she explained. "That's why they're all smart and wearing button holes.

"It was June 1945 and I think it was taken outside St Mary Magdalene Church in Potter

Street.

"My father is in the centre of the picture. I don't know all the names but, apart from those already mentioned, there are Bill Stevenson, Fred Cornish, Wilf Bonnar and a Mr Brown. My granddad Robert Lewis and my uncles Arthur Woolard and Charles Horsnell are in the photo, too.

"Not all of those in the picture were firemen but I know that the fire brigade played a big part on the day and they did a guard of honour for my parents."

Mrs Mulcahy (60) is too young to remember her father's days in the volunteer service but remembers his old-fashioned uniform



Firemen were based at pub

and helmet.

"I can vaguely remember him having his uniform hung up in the cupboard at home," she said. "Sadly though I never saw him wear it."

## And finally . . .

● WE have received an appeal on behalf of William Martin Junior School in Tawneys Road, Harlow, which celebrates its 50th anniversary next year.

The school is planning a number of golden anniversary events and is looking to assemble a collection of photographs representing its history.

If you have pictures from any era of the school's past then please write to *Nostalgia*. We will pass them on to the school and, of course, print them here for our readers to enjoy.

● THANKS for the positive feedback about the *Star's* feature last month on Douglas Britten, the RAF serviceman-turned-Soviet spy who passed over secrets at a bench in Hodings Road, Harlow.

We are grateful in particular to Museum of Harlow historian David Devine for his additional research. He tells *Nostalgia* that Britten, whose fate we wondered about, died in 1993 and is buried in Cornwall.

If any readers have further information on this remarkable story we would love to hear it.

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## Female gang attacks teen for his mobile

A TEENAGE boy was attacked by three women who tried to rob him as he walked alone in Harlow.

The 17-year-old was walking in Howard Way when he was accosted by the trio who demanded he hand over his mobile phone.

When he refused, one of the women grabbed him by the shoulders while another searched through his pockets. Nothing was taken and the three ran away.

Details of the incident, which happened just before 6pm last Monday, have only just been disclosed as police are now appealing for witnesses to the attack to come forward.

One of the women is described as Afro Caribbean, 1.73m (5ft 8in) tall, of medium build, in her late teens and wearing black tracksuit bottoms, a black hooded top and dark shoes.

The other two were said to be white Europeans, both in their late teens and about 1.78m (5ft 10in). One of them is of skinny build, with a silver stud through her pierced bottom lip, mousey blonde hair and wearing a grey hooded pull-over top and faded blue jeans. The second was slim, with natural looking blonde hair and wearing a brown or black waist-length coat and dark jeans.

Anyone with information should call PC Richard Orme on (01279) 625416 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

# Government millions to improve our town

## It's a world of love for couple



(photo: WWSMCV7L/04)

THE run-up to Christmas is especially joyous for a Harlow couple celebrating 65 years together on Wednesday. Globetrotters Amelia (86) and William Hume (93), of Five Acres, married in London in 1942 and moved to California twice before settling in Harlow in 1963. They have two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-children living in America. Another daughter, Linda Bear, lives in Harlow with her two children and will celebrate their landmark with them. Mrs Hume said: "The secret to our lasting happiness is always being there for one another, no matter what. We've had such an eventful and exciting life together and shared so many wonderful experiences."

A MULTI-million pound funding boost will be injected into Harlow and its surrounding area to improve services and tidy up deprived estates.

From a £17.5m windfall of Government cash, £7.3m will flow into this area in 2008-09 – with a further £10.2m to be spent during the following two years.

The money, allocated to what has been designated the London-Stansted-Harlow Partnership area, follows joint bids by Harlow Council, neighbouring local authorities and other bodies.

In Harlow, there are broad plans to put the money towards upgrading water and electricity services, providing new affordable housing schemes and refurbishment of the worst housing estates.

The announcement of the cash has pleased local politicians who have fought for it for some time.

Joint Harlow Council leader Tony Durcan (Labour) said: "Harlow has been earmarked for significant regeneration and growth, particularly for housing, but nothing can be delivered without the right infrastructure such as energy supply, transport links and good quality design and build."

"We'll face tough competition

By **BEN WILKINSON**  
Chief Reporter  
wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk

from other regional centres for visitors, shoppers, new business start-ups and people looking to buy homes, so Harlow needs a great offer.

"The money will also enable us to improve our existing areas that suffer the problems of deprivation."

Confirmation of the funding follows a £10m Government grant last year towards the regeneration of shopping areas in Potter Street, Clifton Hatch, Staple Tye and Old Harlow.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell, who also supported the bid, added: "If we are to provide more new homes to tackle our housing needs, then I've always made clear that we need to ensure the infrastructure is provided at the same time as or before those new homes are developed."

"I know this is a concern for constituents and I hope that this significant new money, following on from the money provided last year, demonstrates that the Government understands our needs and is committed to investing in our community."

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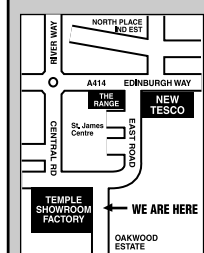


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By  
BEN WILKINSON

**T**HE Gibberd Masterplan, the original blueprint for Harlow New Town, is generally thought of in the context of the 1940s and '50s.

It was, after all, more than 60 years ago that work began on Sir Frederick Gibberd's ambitious project to create a new and modern post-war community.

But it was actually only 25 years ago this month that the final piece of the jigsaw was put in place with the official opening of the Harvey Centre.

Although construction of the precinct – seen at the time as an American-style shopping facility – began in February 1979 and the first retailer opened its doors in October 1981, it was not until December 8, 1982 that the Harvey Centre's official opening ceremony was held.

By that time 90 per cent of the units were occupied, Marks & Spencer and Littlewoods had expanded their Broad Walk shops into the centre and the flagship largest unit, originally intended for the Co-op but left empty after a change of heart from bosses, had been let to British Home Stores instead. Up to 70,000 shoppers were piling through the doors each week and 1,500 were employed to work there.

The commemorative plaque was unveiled by Ben Hyde Harvey, the 74-year-old former development corporation general manager after whom the centre was named, and Sir Neil Shields, chairman of the New Towns Commission.

"It was a very great honour they paid in naming the centre after me," Mr Harvey told the *Star* at the time. "The Harvey Centre is developing splendidly and is giving Harlow residents and people from

# One man's vision of shoppers' paradise



outside of the town what they wanted. "I am sure they appreciate shopping in such comfort and the traders themselves are to be congratulated on the show they provide."

Among the 150 invited guests at the ceremony, described in the *Star* as "a landmark in Harlow's history", was an

elderly Sir Frederick. He had designed the Harvey Centre and its official opening marked the completion of the fourth and final stage of his original development plan for the town.

As he stood beneath the stunning Christmas decorations, said to have taken a team of men all night to install, he

would no doubt have felt a sense of satisfaction. But a concerted effort by campaigners bitterly opposed to the road meant it was nearly never built.

**A**lthough envisaged as early as 1952 when surveys suggested the town centre's existing land would be insufficient to meet demand for shopping space, it was some years before initial designs to develop the area were drawn up.

Retailers had objected to the principle of shops at first-floor level but Sir Frederick and his design team saw this as the only option because of access difficulties for delivery vehicles. In 1972 they pressed ahead.

Their other vision was that of a totally enclosed, air-conditioned shopping centre of the sort which were already popping up in America. A general manager for the scheme, Andrew Bardsley, was appointed and some radical proposals quickly appeared.

As Sir Frederick himself explains in his 1980 book *Harlow: The Story Of A New Town*: "I had always found the huge, flat expanse of ceilings oppressive in enclosed centres I had visited abroad so I designed our mall as a lofty space with a tent-like ceiling based on the design of my own living room."

"Down the centre of the mall, out of the way of shoppers, there was to be an exhibition space, rest area and sculpture garden with, at one end, a vertical fountain feature. A large office block was placed on the roof, along with a billiard hall and two small cinemas. A hotel was envisaged as projecting from the southern frontage opposite The Playhouse."

The plans were approved in 1974, and a large model was exhibited at that year's Town Show. But in a period of economic uncertainty, by

the time a revised cost estimate was produced a few months later it had spiralled to a point where a major rethink was required.

The idea of first-floor shopping was ditched in favour of ground floor units with servicing from above. Out went the superimposed structures like the office block and the size of the public floor area was reduced.

During 1975 the cost-cutting revisions were accepted by the corporation and Harlow Council – but they unleashed a barrage of criticism from existing shopkeepers and, most vociferously, from those connected with The Playhouse who felt the theatre would be cut off from the town.

Sir Frederick tried to resolve these access problems by proposing a new service road skirting St Paul's Church but this only upset local clergy furious at the prospect of noisy trucks disturbing Sunday services.

When the corporation sought the closure of Cross Street, a road running from Broad Walk to Playhouse Square on the site of the proposed Harvey Centre, it was to prove the project's Achilles' heel. The Playhouse Supporters Club distributed leaflets designed to drum up public opposition. The bills, made up to look like adverts for a forthcoming production and handed out at every show, read: "At enormous expense! By public demand? Coming shortly: The Dead Centre Of Harlow. Produced by the Harlow Development Corporation from designs by Sir Frederick Gibberd."

Combined with the church's continuing objections, the protests forced a public inquiry into the road closure which was held in August 1977. It ruled against the corporation.

Sir Frederick, however, refused to be beaten. He entered into negotiations with the Theatre Trust,



**OPEN DAY:** Above left, Ben Hyde Harvey and Sir Neil Shields unveil a plaque at the official opening of the centre in December 1982 (photo courtesy of Museum of Harlow). Above right, the start of work on the service road and loading bays (photo courtesy of the Harvey Centre)

the Playhouse Supporters Club and the Chelmsford Diocesan Board. His diplomacy paid off and, after compromises were struck, all eventually withdrew their objections.

The inquiry was re-opened, approval for the road closure was granted in May 1978 and the rest is history.

**B**ut what would he and Harvey, were they still alive, think of today's Harvey Centre? The likes of M&S and BHS are still there, while Littlewoods has made way for its modern-day successor Primark. But what of the small independent shops that were such an important part of the original Harvey Centre, alongside the big players?

Eric and Dorothy Eversden, of watchmakers E.C. Eversden & Son, were one of the first traders in the centre and are one of only a small handful of independents left today.

Mrs Eversden told the *Star*: "Back in the 1980s there was a good mix. You had the big stores but there were lots of small, friendly, independent shops too. There was a baker, greengrocer, butcher, delicatessen. They're all gone now."

"The sad thing is that most independent shopkeepers can't afford the rent and rates these days."

Current Harvey Centre manager Bryan Young feels the future is bright. "We have been celebrating our 25th anniversary all this year and it has given us an opportunity to look forward as well as back," he said.

"It's been a very positive year. Footfall is good and we have filled many of our empty shops. Although 2008 will probably be a challenging year in retail, I'm sure it will be a successful one at the Harvey Centre."

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## County agrees to Passmores relocation plan

THE proposed relocation of Passmores School into new state-of-the-art buildings on the current site of Brays Grove School has moved one step closer to becoming a reality.

On Friday, County Hall published a decision in principal agreeing to the move – although it will only go ahead subject to the agreement of Passmores governors and an adequate funding package.

The new school buildings will accommodate up to a maximum of 240 pupils a year, with all costs met by Essex County Council – partly through the capital receipts received from the sale of the current Passmores site.

Councillor Tracey Chapman, cabinet member for children, schools and families, said: "Due to parental preference, the demand for places at some secondary schools in Harlow has been dropping.

"Passmores' planned move to new and larger purpose-built premises will better meet that demand and ensure that the children of Harlow get the level of education they deserve."

## Council land sold

FIVE applications by residents to buy Harlow Council land adjacent to their homes have been approved by councillors.

The policy and resources committee agreed on Thursday to dispose of the plots in Lodge Hall, Fennels, St Michael's Close, Church End and Jerounds, on the condition they are used as gardens and not developed.

# School restraint left autistic boy bruised



**INVESTIGATION:** Above, Thomas Bennett; left, the bruising to his leg which his parents say he suffered in the incident (s)

**AN investigation is under way after a boy was left badly bruised after being restrained at a special needs school.**

The parents of Thomas Bennett (10) now want practices at Harlow Fields School reviewed amid allegations that pupils are being badly treated.

They say autistic Thomas, who also suffers other behavioural and emotional difficulties, was left "black and blue" after staff intervened to calm him down following an incident.

An initial investigation by an independent panel ruled that the teachers involved had used reasonable force.

But Yvette and Jeff Bennett have ordered a new Social Services probe because they believe the bruises Thomas was left with on his leg indicate excessive force.

"Nobody wants to answer to it. It feels like they are sweeping it under the carpet," complained Mr Bennett (44). "If he had gone into PE like that, they would have been back on us like a tonne of bricks. We just feel let down by Social Services."

Thomas has attended the Tendring Road school for 16 months after he was taken out of mainstream education.

His time there had been trouble-free until staff had to restrain him on

By **LOUISE SASSOON**  
News Editor  
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September 25 after he ran out of a classroom.

Police, county council education and welfare chiefs and staff looked into the incident and in October determined that the staff had not acted in an unreasonable manner or with disproportionate force.

But the Bennetts, from Waltham Abbey, say the board did not see the pictures of Thomas' injuries and so were not in a position to deliver a judgement on the episode.

The incident now features on an unofficial website which alleges numerous cases of ill treatment against pupils.

"We have thought about taking him out of school but we really just want this situation resolved," added Mrs Bennett (40).

A spokesman for Essex County Council confirmed the case is currently being investigated by its Child Safeguarding Team.

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Last week on our home page we asked: "Do you agree with Harlow Civic Society that the town centre is 'unkempt and uncared for'?" 8.63% said "yes" and 16.4% said "no".

This week we're asking: "Should Harlow Council's joint leaders resign over the latest major funding crisis?"

Log on to our home page now to have your say.

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WEB STORIES

- 1) Two teenagers attacked
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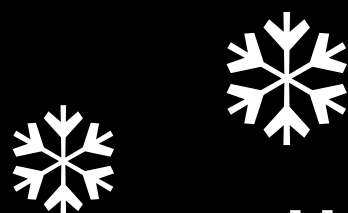
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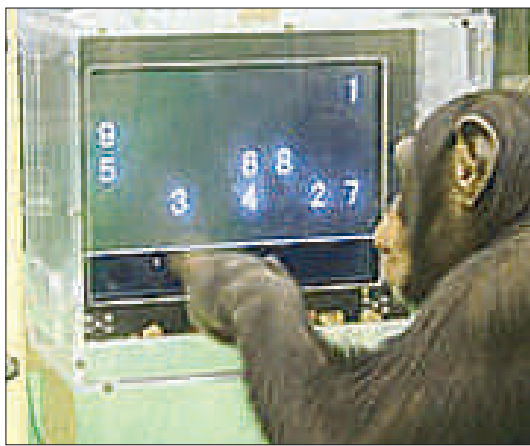
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## Chimps are champs in a test of memory

JAPANESE scientists have discovered that chimpanzees have amazing memories. In fact, they are much better at remembering things than humans!

Dr Tetsuro Matsuzawa and his colleagues pitted three pairs of mum and baby chimps against university students in a series of special memory tests and in most cases the humans lost.

First of all the chimps were shown the numbers one to nine on a computer screen and then had to touch them all in the right order. For the next test they were shown a series of



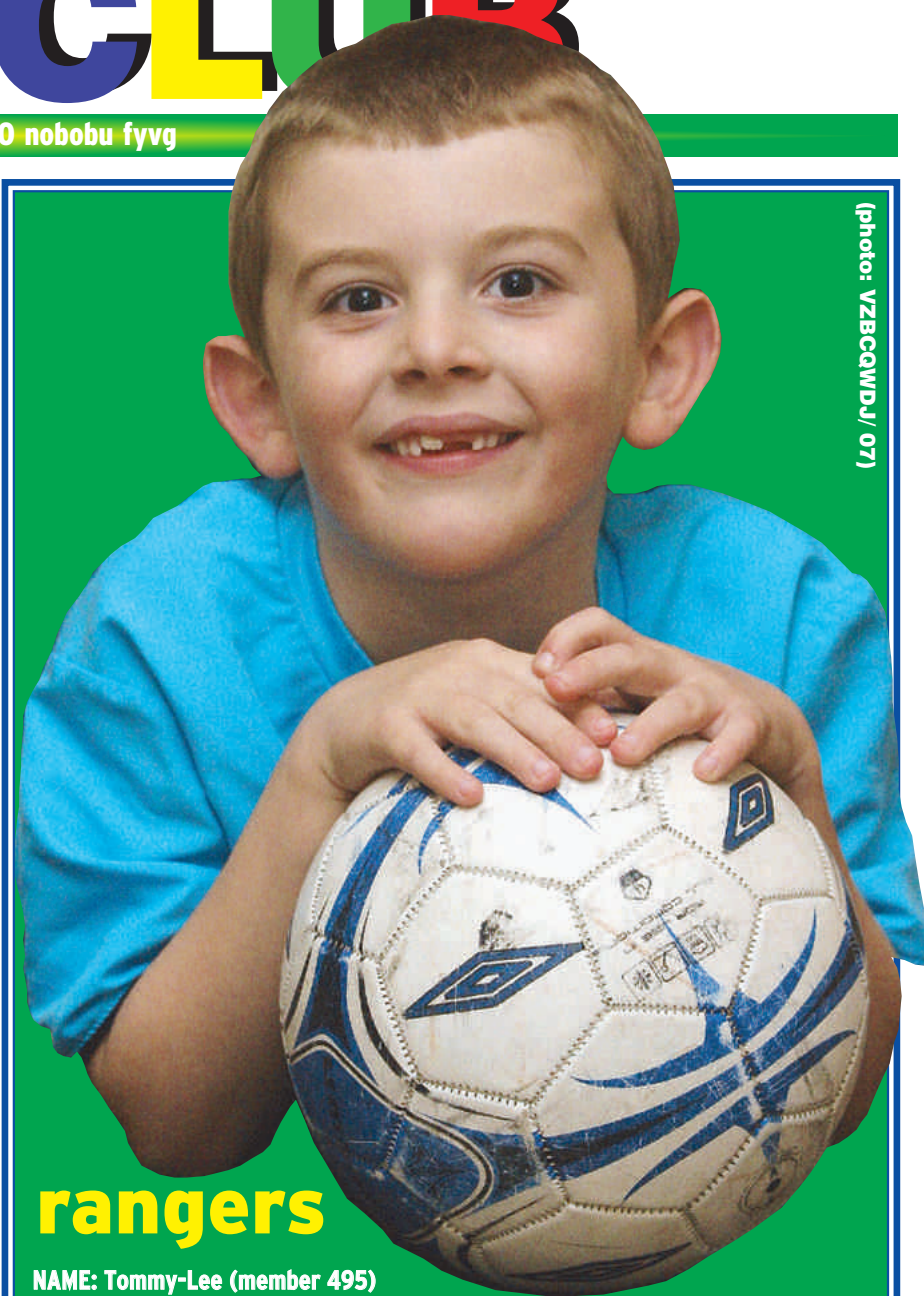
numbers that were then covered with white squares on the screen. They then had to touch the squares in the order of the numbers beneath,

which they managed to do very quickly. The university students were slower than all of the three young chimpanzees in their

response. Until now it had always been assumed that chimps could not match humans in memory and other mental skills.

One theory is they have photographic memories, which means when they try to remember the order of the numbers they can automatically see them all in their head as if they were looking at a picture.

This led Dr Matsuzawa to the conclusion that young chimpanzees have better memories than fully-grown human adults and he has now published his incredible findings in a science magazine called *Current Biology*.



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### rangers

**NAME:** Tommy-Lee (member 495)  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** December 14, 2000  
**ADDRESS:** Doulton Close, Harlow  
**SCHOOL:** Henry Moore Primary  
**HOBBIES:** Football and playing on his Playstation  
**DISLIKES:** Girls  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Toad-in-the-hole  
**LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD:** Vegetables  
**FAVOURITE BOOK:** Robots

**FAVOURITE TV:** Jake and Josh  
**FAVOURITE MUSIC:** Black-Eyed Peas and Usher  
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**ALFIE** (member 294), of Rivermill, Harlow, and **KAYLEIGH** (member 835), of Hadley Grange, Harlow are 7

### FRIDAY

**TOMMY-LEE** (member 495), of Doulton Close, Harlow, is 7

### SATURDAY

**JASON** (member 844), of The Dashes, Harlow, is 10

### SUNDAY

**OLIVIA** (member 581), of Westbury Rise, Harlow, is 8; **JUSTIN** (member 525), of Church End, Harlow, is 7

### MONDAY

**GEORGE** (member 058), of Wimborne Close, Sawbridgeworth, is 9; **DAISY** (member 586), of Rivermill, Harlow, is 7; **SHANNON** (member 708), of Church Leys, Harlow, is 4

### TUESDAY

**HOLLIE** (member 296), of Spencers Croft, Harlow, is 12 and retires from *Rangers*. **BETHANY** (member 589), of Pennymead, Harlow, is 7; **CHLOE** (member 799), of Aylets Field, Harlow, is 6

### WEDNESDAY

**CAMERON** (member 247), is Orchard Croft, Harlow, is 11; **RYAN** (member 471), of The Dashes, Harlow, is 10.

## New recruit

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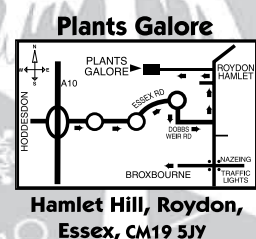
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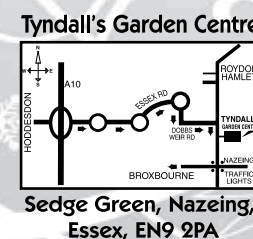
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## On the ball for a deer day!

**SUPPORTERS** of Harlow Town Football Club had fun when Christmas came early. Scores of people visited the Barrows Farm Stadium on Saturday and came face-to-face with a real reindeer. Dash was brought into

the stadium before Harlow's match against Margate, giving fans the chance to meet him and have their photo taken along with Father Christmas. Elsewhere at the fun day, staff and players gave away mini footballs to all

Harlow Town Youth players in attendance. Lucky Harlow Town under-8 player Joel was delighted to win a signed Charlton Athletic shirt in a draw at half time. He received his prize from first team player Lee Miles.

POTHLES in Fir Park and at the junction of Deer Park in Great Parndon were reported to highways chiefs by residents six months ago but are still awaiting attention.

At one time they were highlighted in red paint, which has since been worn away.

Residents say Essex County Council resurfaced the footpath within two feet of the craters last month and have appealed no less than three times to local district councillors to fix the mess.



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## Polling changes

A REVIEW of polling stations by Harlow Council will see some residents voting in different places in future.

Councillors agreed on Thursday to use Peterswood Infant School for Staple Tye ward, instead of Paringdon Junior School, and to introduce a new polling station at Henry Moore Primary School, in the Church Langley estate.

Officers will also look into using Potter Street Baptist Church instead of Potter Street Community Centre.

# Good luck, judge tells drugs user

**A JUDGE** has wished a Harlow shoplifter struggling with drug problems "the best of luck" after he vowed to clean up his act.

Lee Nicholson (34), of Lower Meadow, had been committed for sentence at Chelmsford Crown Court after admitting he stole £10 worth of water filters from a Harlow store on October 12 this year.

At the hearing on Thursday, Richard Stevens, prosecuting, said Nicholson had told police he committed the offence because he owed someone money and was confident he could have sold the stolen items on with relative ease.

The court heard Nicholson had been sentenced on 10 previous occasions for stealing from shops, but in mitigation Nicola May said that his record of offending was consistent with that of someone with a drug problem.

"He is desperate to wean himself off drugs," said Miss May. "He wants to kick the drug habit and move away from the Harlow area."

Recorder Richard Sutton placed Nicholson under the supervision of a probation officer for 12 months and made him the subject of a six-month Low Intensity Drug Rehabilitation Requirement.

He told Nicholson: "You have shown a willingness to take this opportunity offered to you. I wish you the best of luck."

## Mugging rate on the rise

POLICE fear muggers are upping their work rate in Harlow before Christmas after a man was robbed at knifepoint in the latest incident reported in the town in just a few days.

Caution has been urged after four muggings were reported in the first week of December, about twice the average robbery rate for previous months.

Two of the attacks involved the victims being threatened with a knife and one saw a woman punched in the face.

A 28-year-old man was

walking on the cycle track from Longbanks towards Barley Croft at about 10.30pm on Saturday when he was approached by two men who both pulled knives and threatened him.

They stole his bag, which contained a mobile phone, passport and cash.

Last Wednesday, a 34-year-old woman was threatened at knifepoint and punched in the face during a terrifying ordeal as she walked in Brockles Mead at about 5.50am. Her attacker made off with her red and black sports bag and cash.

Harlow crime reduction officer Graham Anthony said: "Whilst there is nothing to indicate recent incidents are linked, it suggests that offenders are becoming more active in the lead-up to Christmas. Fortunately, no one has been seriously hurt so far. Police are targeting the problem and ask that anyone with information contact Harlow CID."

The suspects in both incidents were said to be of European appearance. Anybody with information should call Harlow CID on (01279) 625460.

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By  
**BEN WILKINSON**

**T**HE Rev Joyce Smith is a very busy woman. While in the past St Clare has enjoyed the services of three chaplains, all the work now falls on the shoulders of the 55-year-old Anglican vicar.

The understaffing may be a temporary situation caused by the posting out of the area of her former colleagues, but Joyce, pictured right, who fulfils her hospice duties in addition to her heavy parish workload in the Waltham Abbey estate of Ninefields, is unfazed.

For seven years she has made regular trips in to the hospice, administering to the needs of day and in-patients as well as just lending an ear when required.

Although many would find the work deeply distressing and some impossible to cope with, Joyce says she feels privileged to be in her position and finds the work extremely fulfilling.

"I go in to the day hospice once a fortnight but I also regularly go around the inpatient unit and I will go in especially if I am called in to see a particular person," she said.

"We also hold services for patients if they want them and we hold three memorial services a year.

"The description of the chaplain's job is quite straightforward – to be there for people. We're there as friends, we're there for people to talk to, to have special conversations or routine conversations.

"Sometimes the discussions we have can be very challenging but that's all part of it. There aren't answers to everything and I don't pretend there are, but I do my best.

"Those sorts of discussions really are the biggest privilege of the job."

While people's views on religion differ, Joyce is very conscious of the fact her role is to be there for everyone.



"It's not about forcing beliefs on anyone. I go around making a point of saying hello to everyone and if they want to talk to me then I'm there for them. After that you can build up relationships with people very quickly.

"I am an Anglican and clearly that's not the faith of every patient in the hospice, but that doesn't mean I can't be there as a friend to them. And, of course, if there are people of faith who want their own particular Imam, Rabbi or other minister of religion to come in then we try our best to arrange that."

Asked if she finds it troubling or stressful to befriend people perhaps just a few days before they pass away, Joyce insists her job is far from depressing.

And while there is an overlap with much of her parish duties, she feels her experiences at the hospice adds a new dimension to her work and have made her better at her job overall.

"You are with people when they are at their most vulnerable and people who you have come to know well do die. Of course there are incredibly sad times but depressing is not a word I would ever use to describe the hospice," she said.

"We have great fun together. We are all normal people and we share great times.

"If someone dies then of course we are sad. We hold a service and we remember them, but go in to the day hospice on many days and you will find us all having a great laugh together."

Although members of the clergy can never be sure where they will be in the future – with the possibility of being posted away to a new parish always hanging over them – Joyce hopes to remain involved with the hospice for some time yet.

"It's an important role and I get a lot out of it," she said. "I have met people at St Clare who I have learnt from and who I will never forget."

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# Family Announcements

## Deaths

### BETTY JOYCE LETTS

Passed away after a short illness at St Clare Hospice on 6th December 2007, aged 75 years.

Loving Wife to Don and the best Mum in the world to Tina, Teresa and Tony. Super Nan to Bryan, Amanda, Stewart, Nicole, Charlotte, Laura and Dean. Great Nan to Callum.

'You were a star and the world will not shine as bright without your presence'.

Her happy disposition and smile will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood on Friday 14th December 2007 at 11.00am. No flowers please but enquiries and donations made payable to St Clare Hospice Trust can be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, Essex CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990, Which would be greatly appreciated.

The family would also like to thank St Clare Hospice for their excellent care of Betty.

### ALBERT RANDAL CHURCH

Sadly passed away on Thursday 6th December.

A dear Father and Grandfather will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Berts funeral service will be held on Friday 21st December at 12pm at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Flowers to Daniel Robinson & Sons

### MARY KERRIGAN

Peacefully passed away at home on 7th December 2007.

Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother, will be sorely missed, in pain no more.

All enquiries to Daniel Robinson Funeral Directors, Wych Elm, Harlow Essex

### FREDERICK WILLIAM LLOYD

Sadly passed away Saturday 8th December aged 89.

Beloved Husband of Eva, much loved Dad of Linda, Christine, Freddy, Eunice and their partners. Loving Grandfather (Pop) of Claire, Laura, Katie, Sarah, Daniel, Lucy, Louise, Jane and Grace. And precious Great Grandfather of Matthew, Lottie, Joe, Ella, Emily, Jacob, Elizabeth and Joshua.

A wonderful full and happy life, a man loved and respected by all who knew him.

The love that he generated will live with us all forever. Good night, God bless, sweet dreams.

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium 2pm Friday 21st December 2007.

All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons.

### SID MARSH

Died suddenly on 2nd December 2007. Much missed friend of Pete and Kay

### RONALD JAMES DELLOW

Peacefully in St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Thursday 6th December 2007 aged 74 years.

The much loved Husband of Christine and dearly loved Father of Tina, Robert and Kim. He was also a wonderful Grandad. All enquiries please telephone Daniel Robinson & Sons. Harlow 426990.

### ALAN TARRY

Passed away peacefully in hospital on Wednesday 5th December 2007, aged 81 years.

The much loved Husband of Margaret. He will be greatly missed by all his loving family and his many friends.

All enquiries please telephone Daniel Robinson & Sons, Harlow 426990

## In Memoriam



### LIZZIE ALVES

7th March 1915 - 14th December 2006

A year has passed since you left us Nan.

We all hold fond memories of being with you.

Always in our thoughts. Love from all the family

**ARMITAGE.** — Margaret. Who died 12 December 2002. Remembered today and every day our much loved Wife and Mother. Always in our thoughts as we miss you so much. Love you always, God Bless. Dave and Derek.

### EDWARD BASS

It's been two years since losing you and it's still no easier. Miss and love you more than ever. Forever yours, your Leanne xxx

### RICHARD DUGGAN

19.12.05 Another Xmas without you. The hole you left behind gets bigger every year. You're always in our thoughts. God bless. Elaine, Mum, brother Neil, sister Sue and the rest of the family

### LEONARD MILES

A loving Husband, Dad and Grandad. Remembering you today and always. Forever in our thoughts Love Beryl, Tony, Angie, Michael and Jayne xxxxx

**MUSSETT.** — Stanley. Our beloved husband and dad, thinking of you all the time. Love and missing you lots. Eileen, Jenny and Tod. xxx

## FAMILY NOTICES

### Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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### SYLVIA GEORGINA PALMER

13.12.91

Loving thoughts at this time of year, which our beloved held so dear.

Memories of families and special friends, I know Sylv would love the message it sends.

Our love forever, Dennis and families

**SMITH.** — John P. December 16 1998. Always in my thoughts. Loved and missed so much. Maureen. x

### VIOLET GRACE SPRINGHAM

29.09.25 - 14.12.05

Still sadly missed Always in our thoughts

George and Ursula

## Return Thanks

### DENIS DAVIES

29.9.24 - 4.12.07

Roger, Bill, Gary, Mark and Families wish to say a heartfelt thank's to Rev Simon Elman on the excellent service for Dad, also Daniel Robinson, Jan's Flowers, cards and floral tributes.

**ROWLAND.** — Tracy. In loving memory of a darling daughter and mum. Died 16th Dec 2002. No words I write will ever say how much I miss you every day. My heart still aches with sadness and lots of tears still flow. What it meant to lose you no one will ever know. Love you. Mum and Chloe.

### SAVILLE

MUM and BOB

Our special thoughts are with you on your Birthday Mum (14th December) and with you both during this Christmas Season.

Love Joyce, Dave and Bill

**SMITH.** — Graham. Thinking of you on our 50th Anniversary 14th Dec. Joan. Also our Son Keith 44 on Dec 10th. Take care of each other. Lots of love to you both.

## Births

### IT'S A GIRL



### COLLIER

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Love from very proud Nanny Pat and Grandad Mark xx



**ALEISHA MARIE and SOPHIE HELEN**  
Congratulations to Nicola, Rob, Lewis and Ella, and Stephanie, Rici and Tommy.  
Lots of love and happiness to you all  
Mum, Dave and Gemma x

**CROWLEY.** — Georgie. Happy 18th Birthday Georgie. We are so proud of you. Love always, Auntie Karen, Uncle John, Bryan, Beth and Katie. xxxxx

**CROWLEY.** — Georgie. Happy 18th Birthday Georgie, a wonderful and much loved granddaughter. Love to you always, Nan. xx



Happy 18th Zoe.  
Love all of us



**KAYLEIGH MAY TURNBULL**  
Happy 18th Birthday from Mum, Dad and Becky

## 21st Birthday



**JENNA ANDREWS**  
21 today  
Love Mum, Nan, Kerry, Ellie, Gavin, Sam, Faye, Steve

**BOLT.** — Dan. Happy 21st. Love Mum, Dad, Reece, Joe, Dionne, Steve, Jake.

**BOLT.** — Daniel. Happy 21st Birthday. Love always. Nan and Grandad. xxxxx



Happy 21st Birthday  
**VICTORIA**  
Known to friends as Sinc  
Love you loads from Mum, Dad, Scott and Nan xx

## 30th Birthday



**MICHELLE McLEOD**  
30 on 18th December. Happy Birthday. Love Mum and Dad

**EGERTON.** — Johanna. Happy 18th Birthday. Love always. Nan and Grandad. xxxxx

**EGERTON.** — Johanna. Happy 18th. Love Sue, Colin, Dan, Reece, Joe.

**EGERTON.** — Johanna. To our Granddaughter on her 18th. With lots of love always.

**EGERTON.** — To our Princess JoJo, on your 18th. Love from all your mates.



Darling  
**CLAUDETTE**  
Happy 18th  
All our love Mummy, Ken, Yasmin, Jamie and Harriet xxx



**DAN SPOONER**  
Happy 30th Birthday, 16th December  
Have a good one Love Mum and Family

**SPOONER.** — Dan. Happy 30th Birthday. Lots of hugs and kisses. We love you loads, Zoe and Izzi-Mae.

**SPOONER.** — Danny. Happy 30th Birthday. Love from Auntie Libby, Uncle Mick.

**SPOONER.** — To my little Bruv Danny. Happy 30th. Love, your big sis Donna.

## 40th Birthday



**JIMMY GUMBLE**  
Happy 40th Birthday.  
Love you always Norma xx



**JIMMY GUMBLE**  
Happy Birthday Son  
40 Today  
Love always Mum and Dad. xx



**GUMBLE DADDY**  
Happy Birthday. We love you always.  
Alfie, Macie, Jimmboy, Becky. xxx



**TERESA STEVENS**  
Happy 40th Birthday.  
With all our cuddles and love Lee and Morgan xxx



**TRACEY and GLEN**  
Happy 40th Birthday on 15th December.  
Love Mum and Dad

## 50th Birthday



**DEB STOTT**  
Happy 50th Birthday  
Love Mum, Dad, Karen, Matthew, Harry and Daisy

## 60th Birthday



**PATRICK DONOVAN**  
Happy 60th Birthday  
Lots of love Margaret, Sean, Theresa and Catherine

## 65th Birthday



**T. JOHN HIBBITT**  
Happy Birthday Dad  
Love Sue, Vinny and Kids x

## 70th Birthday



**GODDARD**  
Happy 70th Birthday my Alan.  
You are a husband in a million.  
Love always Mary

## Look who's 70 ALAN GODDARD



Happy Birthday Dad. With love Jackie, Peter, Paul, Sarah and grandchildren Sarah, Sophie, Emma, Connor, Kennyboy and Nan



**IVY SELICK**  
Congratulations on your 70th Birthday on 15th December.  
Lots of love and kisses, have a great day.  
John, David, Mandy, Kaylie, Ryan xxxxxx



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All my love to you always Mum xx





# Stargazing from the comfort of your bed

By CHRIS MOSS  
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**AN innovative new training firm in North Weald is looking for entrepreneurs to help people sleep under the stars... but in the comfort of their own homes.**

Cosmic Training, the brainchild of Grant Hicks, offers course-based tuition on how to transform humble bedroom ceilings into a tranquil snapshot of outer space or even a scene from your favourite science fiction film.

Would-be stargazers can learn how to use specialist glow-in-the-dark paints to create elaborate, night-sky scenes incorporating shooting stars, black holes and gas clouds or a host of familiar characters from the world of sci-fi.

As the firm's new website explains, the business is still in its infancy, but Mr Hicks believes



**OUT OF THIS WORLD:** Pictured, left to right, are Grant Hicks, Dave Penn and Craig Penn (photo: DSSLGDGB/01)

there is real potential for new trainees to make a lucrative living from the skills they can learn on the two-day courses run from his workshop on the Weald Hall Farm Commercial Centre.

"This phenomenon has already taken off in the US but there are only a handful of startists in the UK at this moment in time," he said. "With more than 24m households in the UK, how many ceilings would there be?"

"A startist is shown how to paint cosmic ceilings onto bedroom ceilings using specialist paints and create scenes from outer space. The ceilings have a 3-D effect and are truly amazing! They cannot be seen during the day and are great for both kids and adults.

"At the flick of a light switch the ceiling of a bedroom, sitting room or bathroom will be transformed which is great for those who have insomnia and for kids who will actually want to go to bed!"

Anyone interested in becoming a startist can attend a special open day on Sunday at Unit 11b, Weald Hall Farm Commercial Centre, Hastingwood, where Mr Hicks will be showcasing his work.

## MP champions town's Olympic qualifications

HARLOW MP Bill Rammell has written to local businesses asking for their help to put the town on the map in time for the 2012 Olympic Games.

In the letter, Mr Rammell highlights the potential long-term benefits for the local economy should proposals for Harlow to host pre-Games training camps be successful.

He said the town is looking to market the sports facilities it will have available come 2012 – including the new combined wet and dry sports centre earmarked for the town centre – to some of the smaller nations and sports teams on the lookout for training facilities in the three weeks prior to the Games.

But in order to narrow the search for suitable nations to approach, Mr Rammell asks firms to consider any international contacts and links they already have and submit the details to the Harlow 2012 Olympic Stakeholders group he currently chairs.

"The more we can develop a holistic 'legacy' proposal which links sporting, cultural and business ties, the better we chance we have of success and the better chance we have that local business may benefit from the work that we do," he said.

Any businesses with international links and which are interested in finding out how they can help should contact Mr Rammell by email at [rammellb@parliament.uk](mailto:rammellb@parliament.uk).

## Refurbishment work 'will transform hotel'



GUESTS at a Harlow hotel will be able to relax with all mod cons thanks to a major refurbishment set for completion in the new year.

The Park Inn Hotel, in Southern Way, is transforming the majority of its bedrooms into plush suites complete with air conditioning, flat-screen televisions, new beds and refitted bathrooms and shower stalls.

The on-site restaurant and conference facilities will also be revamped while the public areas will benefit from a lick of paint and a stylish redesign.

General manager Michael Whyte, pictured above, believes the refurbishment project will transform the hotel and enhance the experience of guests.

"It is fantastic news that this project is under way at the hotel," he said. "Progress is going very well and spirits in the team are high.

"When we have the upgraded and stylish finished product, the team are excited about the changes our regular guests will notice and are looking forward to being able to promote it to new customers."

## FSB calling for common sense over red tape

SMALL businesses across Essex are getting caught in an ever-expanding cat's cradle of red tape and regulations, according to a regional business organisation.

The Essex Federation of Small Businesses is now attempting to halt the tide of red tape with the launch of a countywide Campaign For Common Sense which calls for a sensitive and sensible application of regulations.

Bill Pirie, chairman of the Essex FSB, said: "We accept that some regulation is necessary to protect the public and to protect staff, but the current situation is that common sense has gone out the window."

He went on to cite an example of one FSB member who was threatened with court action by a local authority after he put a No Smoking sign on his reception desk instead of the front door of his premises.

"That type of red tape enforcement is ridiculous but sadly is a feature of 21st century Britain," said Mr Pirie. "This is the start of a new campaign for the FSB and we are determined to make it a success for the benefit of small businesses across Essex."



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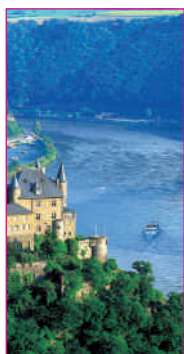


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## Retired engineer killed on holiday by car collision

A RETIRED engineer from Sawbridgeworth was killed on holiday in Belgium when he was hit by a car which mounted the pavement, throwing him into the air "like a rag doll".

Allan King (70), of The Orchards, was staying in Bruges with his wife Georgina and four other couples when the horrific accident occurred.

A 61-year-old woman from the Continent is being held by Belgian police, who launched an investigation into the November 27 crash.

Mr King died in hospital early the following morning.

The woman is understood to have given a positive breath test and has since had her licence taken away by the authorities.

Mrs King (62) said the accident happened at about 7pm as they walked with their friends to a restaurant along narrow cobbled streets.

"I saw a car come round the corner on the wrong side of the road with no lights on, going fast," she said. "Allan took the full impact. It was awful. He went up in the air like a rag doll."

Mr King was a leading figure with the Friends of Great St Mary's Church and a member of Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club and Bishop's Stortford Golf Club.

Paying tribute to Mr King, former Sawbridgeworth mayor and churchwarden Angela Alder said: "He was a lovely man and will be much missed by the community."

Mr King's funeral was held at Great St Mary's Church, in Sawbridgeworth, on Tuesday.

# Stress of son's death blamed for collapse



**QUEST FOR THE TRUTH:** Terry Lubbock, pictured showing a photograph of his son Stuart

**THE father of the man found dead in Michael Barrymore's pool is seriously ill in hospital this week and close friends fear the stress of his loss is to blame.**

Terry Lubbock (63) was discovered collapsed and unconscious at home in Great Brays, Harlow, by his son Kevin late on Saturday night.

He was rushed to the town's Princess Alexandra Hospital by ambulance, where he is due to have a brain scan.

Family friends are worried he may have a brain bleed – a condition which has hospitalised him before – caused by the extreme emotional strain brought about by his quest to find the truth behind the death of his son Stuart.

Speaking to the *Star*, Harry Clichy, the Lubbock family spokesman, said: "I have been particularly concerned about the amount of work Terry has been doing. His whole life revolves around finding who killed Stuart."

Last week, Mr Lubbock was awarded £6,800 by the Criminal

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Injuries Compensation Authority for the injuries which led to butcher Stuart's death, plus funeral costs.

The father-of-two (31) was found floating in the pool of Barrymore's Roydon home in 2001.

He was found to have suffered serious sexual injuries and the drugs ecstasy and cocaine were found in his system. Mr Barrymore (55) and two other men were arrested in June 2007 on suspicion of his murder and sexual assault but released without charge. No-one has ever been charged with his death.

Commenting on the payout, Mr Clichy said: "I think it has made all the emotional stress come out."

"Terry is very unwell; however, he seems to be in good spirits but he is wired up to all sorts of machines and it is a bit of a shock when you first see him like that. The staff don't know what is the matter with him yet but he is in very capable hands, so hopefully we will find out more soon."

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## Police warning for shoppers in wake of thefts

SHOPPERS are being warned to keep their valuables safe following a spate of thefts in Harlow.

Last week, several young mothers reported having purses stolen from their bags and prams as they shopped in the town.

Now police are issuing an alert to coincide with the run-up to Christmas.

Harlow crime reduction officer Graham Anthony said: "Elderly people are the main targets, although mums have had their purses taken from shopping trolleys or prams, probably while distracted by the children.

"The advice is to keep your purse safe at all times and don't carry a lot of cash in it.

"Also, keep your bag closed and fastened, especially if your purse, plastic cards and cheque book are in it.

"Keys should also be kept separate from anything with your name and address on it, so the thieves can't also burgle your home while you are wondering what to do about your missing bag or purse. And, if you think that someone is acting suspiciously, tell a member of staff, police, or a security guard.

"Taking simple precautions like this will hopefully help you to avoid becoming a victim, with the upset and annoyance that goes with it."

# It's official: Harlow is a Fairtrade town

## It's time to get your skates on!

A WINTER wonderland has sprouted in the middle of Harlow with the addition of an outdoor ice skating rink. Council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley, pictured right, officially opened the temporary fixture on Monday as part of the town's 60th anniversary celebrations.

The arena, which is lined with synthetic ice, will remain in Market Square until Sunday.

Anybody wanting to put it to the test can pre-book a 45 minute slot by calling (01279) 446655, or they can turn up on the day.

Use of the rink is free but skates cost 50p to hire. Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult.



HARLOW'S efforts to help developing countries have been recognised with the award of Fairtrade status.

The town applied for the accolade in September, and received confirmation of its achievement on Monday.

It won the prestigious title after judges deemed it to be doing enough to promote Fairtrade products which help disadvantaged farmers to get a better deal.

Harlow now joins more than 300 other places in the UK which have already been awarded the status.

Rob Eschle, chairman of Harlow Council's Fairtrade Town Group said: "This is a very proud moment. We have received some fantastic feedback from Fairtrade on our work to achieve this status and the positive impact we are making on the lives of people in developing countries.

"Now it is important that we continue the momentum to promote Fairtrade."

Council chairwoman Lorna

By LOUISE SASSOON

News Editor

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Spenceley, who received the Fairtrade certificate on Monday, added: "This is a great honour for the town and a huge achievement. This status acknowledges that Fairtrade products are both readily available and used by local organisations in the town and we will now be recognised worldwide as a place helping promote Fairtrade products.

"Fairtrade is important because it changes lives. It seeks to guarantee a better deal for farmers and workers in the developing world who struggle to provide for their families.

"I would like to thank the local Fairtrade group, who have worked extremely hard and stayed committed to achieving the status."

The council and Harlow Fairtrade Group will now have to continue to promote the products in the town and extend their promotional work, which has already seen Fairtrade tea and coffee stocked in council vending machines.

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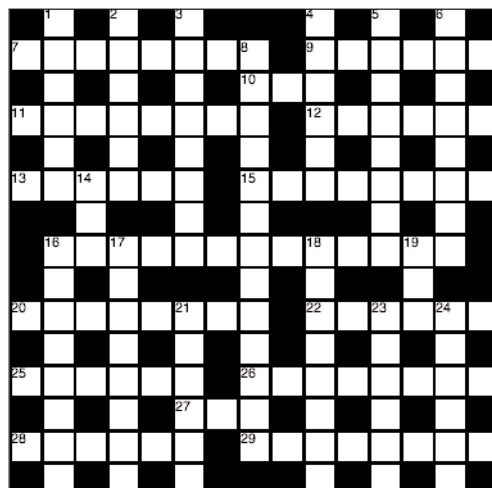
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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

7. Metal outer shell of a motor vehicle (8)
9. Become empty of liquid (3,3)
10. --- blood group system (initials) (3)
11. Old word for one who is one quarter of black descent (8)
12. Beautiful mountainous island in French Polynesia (6)
13. Open-sided gallery or arcade (6)
15. Word from French for a skylight, screen or shutter (4-4)
16. 1990 horror film starring Jeff Daniels (13)
20. French expression for white wine (3,5)
22. Like a very thin crisp biscuit (6)
25. Discrimination against older people (6)
26. Last offers or demands (8)
27. Gaseous mixture of



which earth's atmosphere is composed (3)  
28. Having tenacity and grim persistence (6)  
29. Means of deciding the winner (3-5)

### DOWN

1. With respect to a constant multiplier or coefficient in mathematics (6)
2. Ownerless semi-wild Asian canine (3-3)
3. Scottish or Irish lamentation for the dead (8)
4. South African shrub with large cone-shaped heads of flowers (6)
5. In the course of doing a piece of work (2-3-3)
6. Nymph who changed into a spring in Greek mythology (8)
8. Tribunal before which a fair trial is impossible (8,5)
14. Pike-like fish (3)
16. Town south of Oxford (8)
17. Village west of Cheddar (8)
18. Gun used for shelling at a steep angle (8)
19. --- -de-France, French region incorporating the city of Paris (3)
21. Spanish fleet beaten in 1588 (6)
23. Thigh bones (alternative plural) (6)
24. Slang word for an unpleasant person (6)

### SOLUTION

ACROSS: 7 Bodywork; 9 Run dry; 10 ABO; 11 Quadron; 12 Tahiti; 13 Loggia; 15 Abat-jour; 16 Arachnophobia; 20 Vin blanc; 22 Agelism; 25 Ultimata; 27 Air; 28 Dogged; 29 Tie-break.  
DOWN: 1 Modulo; 2 Pye-dog; 3 Coronach; 4 Protea; 5 On-the-job; 6 Arethusa; 8 Kangaroo court; 14 Gar; 16 Abingdon; 17 Axbridge; 18 Howitzer; 19 Ile; 21 Armada; 23 Femora; 24 Rating.

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# the guide



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A sci-fi classic gets  
a 25th birthday  
make-over

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Chorus gets in  
a festive mood

## REVIEW

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Harlow Chorus, Waltham Abbey Church

IN its second performance with new conductor Daniel Hyde, Harlow Chorus brought the Christmas spirit to beautiful Waltham Abbey Church on Saturday.

The pieces were arranged to tell the nativity and the choir travelled through hushed awe, a sense of expectation and then jubilant celebration – taking their audience with them.

The evening commenced with two spirited carols, including *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, which provided the first of many opportunities for the audience to join in.

The audience didn't escape vociferous encouragement from Daniel Hyde, who appealed for them to participate more heartily! This also provided the opportunity for accompanist Susan Graham-Smith to demonstrate her versatility as she played both piano and organ during the concert.

The choir gave an excellent account of the lesser-known carols in the programme. Poulenc's four Christmas motets are not an easy work for any choir: however, aspects of tuning and voicing were handled well.

To complement these pieces was a selection of striking spirituals: *Behold That Star*, a gentle call to the shepherds of Bethlehem; a jazzy version of *Away in a Manger* and the unusual and exciting *Zither Carol*, where the Hungarian instrument is emulated by the lower three parts singing "zing" beneath the melody.

Stewart Lamb

# Rat's entertainment as panto gets going!



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THE festive season gets into full swing tonight (Thursday) when thigh-slapping family panto *Dick Whittington* starts its run at The Playhouse.

Audiences will be on the edge of their seats as they wait to see if hero Dick, who travels to London with his trusted friend Tom the cat, can win the heart of Alice Fitzwarren and save the city from the evil clutches of the wicked King Rat.

Spectacular sets, great songs and side-splitting comedy plus a few surprises to boot are all on the cards to make this production the best panto yet.

*Dick Whittington* runs until January 12. For ticket details and show times, pick up a Playhouse brochure or call the box office on (01279) 431945.

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## arts diary

**MUSIC:** Marigolds Jazz Club presents a night of soul, blues, funk and salsa at Harlow Cricket Club, in Old Harlow, tomorrow (Friday). Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £6 on the door or £5 in advance from (01279) 414174 or 421763.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** New Edition presents A Christmas Concert of festive Christmas readings and music tomorrow (Friday). The show starts at 8pm at the St John's ARC, off Market Street, Old Harlow. Call (01279) 434028.

**MUSIC:** The Alberni String Quartet visits St John's Arts and Recreation Centre, in Old Harlow, on Saturday at 8pm to play music from some of the greatest composers. Tickets are £12, £10 concessions and £6 students from (01279) 442447.

**COMEDY:** A special Christmas comedy night will be held at the White Horse, in Old Harlow, on Sunday when three of the top acts in the area come to town. Tickets cost £4 and the show starts at 8.30pm. For more information or to book, call (01279) 427135

**MUSIC:** John Peters Jazz presents an evening of top jazz with John Peters and his band at St John's ARC, in Old Harlow, next Thursday. Tickets are £10 from (01279) 442447.

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# Drone Barry's goal is to really be different

## BEE MOVIE

certificate U, running time 1h30m

WE'VE had disgruntled ogres, surfing penguins, talking cars and even epicurean rats bidding for box office success so far this year, so a CG courtroom comedy about a bee suing humankind for eating honey buzzing onto the big screen in time for the Christmas crowds somehow seems almost inevitable.

What may surprise the adults among us, however, is the identity of the man behind this DreamWorks production.

While legendary stand-up comedian Jerry Seinfeld has never quite made the same impact on the UK as he did on US audiences, most of us will be familiar with his often-brilliant sitcom Seinfeld.

But how have his considerable talents transferred to the world of animated family fun? Suffice to say, Bee Movie comes a close second to Disney/Pixar's magnificent Ratatouille for this year's most satisfying CG romp.

Reining in the scriptwriter's biting satire for a younger audience, the film quickly and successfully establishes a logical bee society – complete with warring classes, job woes and generation gaps – before unloading all the inevitable yet hilarious pop culture references.

Our hero is Barry B. Benson (voiced by Seinfeld) a disenfranchised graduate set to become another anonymous suit in the Honex honey firm – which hasn't given a bee a day off in 27 million years.

After taking a 'gap year' (merely a day in the short lifecycle of a bee) to hitchhike around the hive after completing college, he's unsure about what sort of job to apply for.

Despite his nerdy friend Adam (Matthew Broderick) suggesting something safe, rebellious Barry signs up with the Pollen Jocks, the dashing heroes who brave air raids into the outside world to bring back nectar to the hive.

When Barry befriends a West Side florist (Renée Zellweger) on one of these missions, he's shocked to find out that humans not only eat honey but that faceless mega-corporations like Honron are stealing it and selling it on for huge profits.

As a childish riff on the evils of capitalism, it doesn't get much better than this.

And when Barry decides to take out a class-action lawsuit against the thieves the film wanders into a classic – if slightly surreal – little-man-against-all-the-odds tale, spruced up with waspish humour.



**HIVE AND KICKING:** Barry the bee tires of the life of a drone and dreams of a life less ordinary in BEE MOVIE (S)



## Tim's Nightmare is leaping off screens

### THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 3-D

certificate PG, running time 1h13m

TIM Burton's masterful stop-motion animated cinematic poem gets a whole extra dimension with which to enthrall audiences amid its sumptuous Gothic landscapes and weird and wonderful characters.

Jack Skellington (voiced by Chris Sarandon) is the pumpkin king of Halloweentown – the creature responsible for bringing the very best in the ghastly and the morbid produced by his eager subjects to Earth come the witching hour.

But Jack has grown weary of his job and finds himself wanting more from his life than ghouls and goblins every October. Sauntering off into the woods with his dog Zero, he stumbles across a doorway to Christmasland, where Santa Claus prepares for his own yearly blowout.

But co-opting Christmas for his own purposes and putting his portly peer out of business is not going to be easy, and despite the objections of stitched-together love interest Sally (Catherine O'Hara) and little understanding of the concept behind the holiday, he decides to try his hand – but will Christmas ever be the same again?

## The ups and downs of a real fairytale

### ENCHANTED

certificate PG, running time 1h47m

THIS sure-fire Christmas hit from Walt Disney sees magical princess Giselle (Amy Adams) land on the streets of New York after a run-in with a nasty queen from her fairy tale world.

She starts to fall in love with a real-life Prince Charming, in the shape of a far-from-perfect divorce lawyer (Patrick Dempsey) but as her feelings grow she remembers what life was like with her prince (James Marsden) in her magical world.

A fun family comedy exploring the moral, social and ethical problems of having a storybook romance in the 21st century.

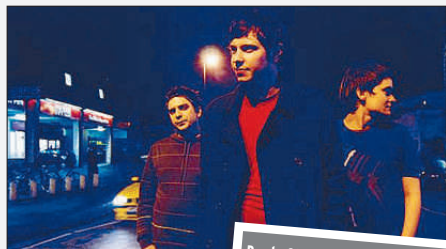
## sound check with Chris Moss

LIKE the Young Knives without pastoral whimsy and Talking Heads without self-indulgent pretence, Straw Bear exist on that fabled, topsy-turvy musical plane where genre isn't pigeonholed by the MD of HMV.

Embracing a classic bedroom-DIY ethos, self-produced debut album *Victims Of The Engineers* is a wry, riotous and decidedly strange brew of scattershot punk, schizophrenic melody and burlesque folk sprinkled liberally with appetising electro flourishes and Wildean wit.

It's certainly an LP that tears up the rule book and challenges the listener. From the post-punk paranoia of opener *Russia* to the breathless disco-thump of *Blacklist*, with the shape-shifting, Shins-esque melodies of *Love Song* in between, songs somehow segue seamlessly where they really have no right to.

Frontman Ian Ray told *Sound Check*: "If there was a plan with the songwriting and recording, it was to make something that could be fun



and accessible while still hopefully retaining some jagged edges. We don't have a drummer and use sequenced beats instead, so we were after a sound that was different and electro-tinged but anchored around strong, melodic pop."

Band: Straw Bear  
Who they?: Ian Ray (vocals/guitar), Tom Shipp (bass/guitar), Chris Gray (guitar/keys)  
From: Ely, via Harlow College  
Sounds like: David Byrne firing random shots of electro-punk-folk into an unsuspecting audience of The The fans.  
Website: [www.myspace.com/strawbear](http://www.myspace.com/strawbear)

## gig guide

### TONIGHT

**SQUARE**, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – showcase gig  
**CHEQUERS**, Market Street, Old Harlow – Bob & Doug  
**CROWN**, Market Street, Old Harlow – Triple X  
**GPCA LINK**, Parsloe Road, Harlow – Kalibre

### FRIDAY

**SQUARE**, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – Bushnut; Hypo Psycho; Raygun Royale  
**HERALD**, Broadley Road, Harlow – Andy Robinson  
**SHARK**, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Jamie

**COCK**, Cock Green, Harlow – Jamie  
**SHARK**, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Twister

### SATURDAY

**BURNT MILL SNOOKER & SOCIAL CLUB**, Edinburgh Way, Harlow – Bob & Doug  
**SHARK**, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Charlie's Aunt  
**PURPLE EMPEROR**, Momples Road, Harlow – Graham

### SUNDAY

**HEMNALL SOCIAL CLUB**, Hemnall Street, Epping – Dean Austin

## CD reviews by Louise Sassoon,

### ISLE OF GRAIN

One More Grain (album, White Heat)

To put it diplomatically, it will be a very small and specialised body of people who are able to appreciate this record's charms. Eight tracks of droning backing music with a bloke who fancies himself as a cross between Mark E Smith and Jarvis Cocker rabbiting on over the top. Unfortunately, the result is less John Cooper Clark and more John Shuttleworth – you half expect the monotony to suddenly break out into an hilarious rendition of *Austin Ambassador Y-reg*. Alas not.

**SOULJABOYTELLEM.COM**  
Soulja Boy (album, Interscope)

Laughably hyped as the "hottest rapper in the States", 17-year-old DeAndre Cortez Way may have single-handedly killed off hip-hop with his ham-fisted debut. Rushed out to capitalise on the success of hit single *Crank That (Soulja Boy)*, this is lightweight playground nappy-rap so inane it makes Afro-Man seem on a par with Snoop Dogg. When the sharpest line you can muster is describing your mate's shoe collection as being "filled with more colours than a bag of skittles" it is clearly time to get back to class.



also showing

**THE GOLDEN COMPASS.** In a parallel universe, young Lyra Belacqua journeys to the far North to save her best friend and other kidnapped children from terrible experiments carried out by a mysterious organisation in this sumptuous adaptation of Philip Pullman's bestselling fantasy novel.

**MR MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM.** Molly Mahoney is the awkward and insecure manager of Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium, the most peculiar toy store in the world. But when the 243 year-old eccentric bequeaths it to her, a dark and ominous change begins to take over the once remarkable shop.

**FRED CLAUS.** Santa's bitter brother comes to town in this family comedy. When Fred Claus falls on hard times he is forced to turn to his saintly sibling for help. But is he cut out for a job in Santa's workshop in the run-up to Christmas?

**HITMAN.** Based on the explosive video game franchise, gun-for-hire Agent 47 becomes ensnared in a political conspiracy which finds him pursued by both Interpol and the Russian military as he treks across Eastern Europe.

**SANTA CLAUSE 3 – THE ESCAPE CLAUSE.** Santa, aka Scott Calvin, is faced with a double dilemma during the festive season – how to keep his new family happy and how to stop Jack Frost from ruining Christmas.

**DECK THE HALLS.** Two neighbours have it out after one of them decorates his house for the holidays so brightly that it can be seen from space in this forgettable screwball comedy.

**THE SIMPSONS.** Homer unintentionally wreaks environmental disaster on Springfield and has to win back his family and friends.

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE.** George Bailey spends his entire life giving up his dreams for the good of others, but when he misplaces \$8,000 of his firm's money on Christmas Eve he becomes suicidal. As he contemplates taking his life, an angel appears to show him how life would have turned out if he'd never been born.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Perfecting the imperfect future

BLADE RUNNER: THE FINAL CUT – TWO-DISC SPECIAL EDITION

(Warner Home Video, 15, retail)

Few films have experienced such a troubled birth as Ridley Scott's 1982 sci-fi noir *Blade Runner*. Its problems in production ranged from significant budgetary and schedule over-runs to a disgruntled US crew working with a director whose obsessive attention to detail and many demands made him unpopular. And then there was the studio execs' interference once shooting was done, running scared from a film they and the test audiences apparently didn't understand or just plain didn't like. In their panic, and with Scott's agreement in a bid to help his baby find an audience, they added an occasionally moronic Philip Marlowe-esque voice-over to guide viewers by the hand through the rain-lashed, nightmarish dystopia and, most unforgivably, pilfered a few out-takes from the opening of Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining* to slap on an insincere fraud of a happy ending.

That the film was ultimately not utterly ruined by this but still managed to build a reputation on home video as a stylistic landmark of its genre is a testament to its wealth of ideas, the often career-best performances, incredible special effects, breath-taking cinematography and Vangelis' haunting, lyrical score. The fact is that nothing could have helped the film to strike the home run in cinemas it so richly deserved at a time when audiences were busy lapping up the reassuring sugary escapism of *E.T. The Extra Terrestrial* and looking for their next fix – they wanted pastel promises that everything was going to work out alright, not grim entropic predictions of a poisoned future trickling down a moral drain.

Los Angeles in 2019 is a smoking, drenched hellhole and, like the rest of the Earth, it's somewhere already left behind for a new life in the stars by those can afford to go. Technology has gifted mankind a new slave caste of androids – 'replicants' – to do our dirty work for us, but they've been banned from the home world on pain of immediate 'retirement' ever since a bloody rebellion.

When a group of replicants makes a run for it and goes AWOL on Earth, it's time for the authorities to dust off their best blade runner/assassin Deckard (Harrison Ford, never better) to hunt them down and turn them off.

But as he shoots his way up the line to the last two, Roy and Pris (Rutger Hauer, on magnificent form, and Daryl Hannah), he discovers some strange truths about the value and relatively of life ... and about himself.

Scott has already been back to *Blade Runner* in 1992 for a *Director's Cut*, excising the voice-over (in some respects, a bit of a shame – I'm afraid I'm one of the Philistines who rather liked it, up to a point) and that horrible ending.

Perhaps more significantly, he gave Deckard a brief dream sequence featuring a unicorn (taken from Scott's 1985 fantasy *Legend*), a moment which resonates strongly with a closing scene in which ambivalent cop Gaff (Edward James Olmos) leaves a small origami unicorn for Deckard to find. It begs the question as to how he can possibly know Deckard's dreams – unless he's seen the blade runner's files and knows just how he was programmed.



However, Scott again felt rushed by the release schedule for the *Director's Cut*, and so we come to this *Final Cut*.

The good news is that he hasn't done a Lucas and polluted his best work with an overdose of unnecessary CG, as in the over-tinkered-with *Star Wars* original trilogy. In fact, it's mostly very subtle tweaks here and there; the biggest of which are the digital addition of actress Joanna Cassidy's head over her obvious stunt double's for android Zhora's death scene and the alteration of the final moment of Roy's death so the dove he releases now flies into an appropriately black sky.

I doubt the film's ever looked this good, thanks to a beautiful remastering of both sound and picture, and completists will have a field day with the second disc's utterly exhaustive documentary *Dangerous Days: Making Blade Runner*, covering everything from Philip K Dick's original novel through from the early stages of conception and casting to special effects, shooting, editing, the problematic release and its legacy.

For the true obsessive, Warner is also releasing the five-disc *Ultimate Collector's Edition*, presenting everything from the two-disc release plus four additional versions of the film, an archive of deleted footage and rarely or never seen featurettes, galleries, trailers and a lot more, all neatly presented in a cute tin box.

Star rating: ★★★★★

HEROES – SEASON 1

(Universal Pictures, 15, retail)

Comic book junkies may grumble possessively that

there's nothing new in this series that hasn't already been done a thousand times before in their four-colour world, but they're missing the point.

Creator Tim Kring has found a way to package superheroes for general consumption in a way that doesn't rely on a rash of convenient and improbable toxic waste accidents nor does it provoke giggling at people with funny names bounding around tall building in exotically coloured tights.

In the world of *Heroes*, the genetic mutants who manifest strange and disturbing new talents find their abilities as much a curse as a gift, and having one doesn't necessarily make you an invincible crime fighter. Cheerleader Claire can heal from just about any bodily harm but just wants to be a regular teenager; Nathan Petrelli might be able to fly, but shudders to think how his talent will play with the voters he's seeking to woo; amiable cop Matt can hear thoughts but it's not helping patch up his failing marriage and stalled career; and single mum internet stripper Niki finds life hard enough without her psychotic alter-ego Jessica coming out to play.

At least there's Hiro, a loveable Japanese salaryman who embraces his ability to travel in time and space, and even freeze it, with the passion of one who's always dreamed of being a genuine superhero and who, accompanied by loyal friend Ando, sets out to prevent New York City from being devastated in a nuclear inferno by the 'evil' hero Sylar.

There's more than a whiff of Alan Moore's groundbreaking *Watchmen* in this material and the way it's handled, plus a strong resonance with the landmark *Wild Cards* superhero mosaic novels, but however you come at it, *Heroes* is compulsive, gripping and hugely enjoyable television.

Star rating: ★★★★★

★★★★★ unmissable   ★★★★★ very good   ★★★ good   ★★ fair   ★ don't bother

Ben Wilkinson and Chris Moss

HILLI "AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD"

Amiina (single, Ever Records)

The late, great psychedelic cowboy posthumously collaborates with Sigur Ros's string section? Stranger things have happened. Splicing Hazlewood's last ever recording with dreamy banjo, swells of strings, horns, and ethereal chanting, this is a bizarre yet strangely affecting bedtime story.

FEEL FREE

Kano (single, 679)

If underground street gangsta' rap lyrics spat out over dark and moody melodies is your bag then this latest offering by London boy Kano will hit the rights notes.

SIDEWAYS

Sam Isaac (single, Big Scary Monsters)

If Kate Nash was a man from the West Midlands, she would probably be called Sam Isaac and struggle to make a living out of sixth-form poetics and wet-weekend balladry. While this string-laden debut will be sufficiently twee for some, Isaac,s irritating Black Country drone and penchant for hyperbole suggest he has some way to go before he melts any hearts.

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9 PM	9.00 Have I Got News For You. Satirical current affairs quiz, with guest host Richard Madeley joining regular team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. Last in series. 1443 9.30 The Armstrong & Miller Show. Comedy sketch show, with Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller. Last in series. 85172	9.00 Fanny Hill. Two-part adaptation of John Cleland's notorious novel, starring Rebecca Night as a woman from the country who battles to attain respectability after falling into a life of prostitution in 18th-century London. In the first part, Fanny moves to the capital after her parents's death. 3153	9.00 Film: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997). Super-spy James Bond leaps back into action to foil the plans of a technology-obsessed megalomaniac plotting to start another world war. Fast-paced adventure, with Pierce Brosnan and Jonathan Pryce. Continues after the news. 7240	9.00 Ugly Betty. Henry reluctantly agrees to go on a double date with Betty, the other unlikely couple being Hilda and Gio. Elsewhere, Wilhelmina's attempt to change her image fails after an encounter with a famous celebrity. America Ferrera, Ana Ortiz and Vanessa Williams star. 8849	9.00 NCIS. Gibbs comes out of retirement against his will to help Fornell and his daughter, who are being threatened by an escaped convict. The team reopen the criminal's case and question an old sailor, the only person to have have contacted the felon while he was in jail. Mark Harmon stars. 9437004
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Your stars with  
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**Aries Mar 21-Apr 20**  
With Venus having glided into your sector of virtue, kindness and consideration are big factors around relating. However, you're likely to be in the mood to cut a swathe and if you're single, tempted to throw the dice of chance. It can be someone who inspires you that can set your pulse racing. Just who can be a total surprise, but yet thrill. Call to hear why surprises abound.

**Libra Sept 24-Oct 23**  
Your personal expression will rarely have had such a wonderful platform as this week gives you so do be proactive. And it can be your more novel ideasthat capture your imagination most. However, in love tenderness needs to underscore it all. However glamorous or chatty someone seems, be sure they're sincere. Call to hear why an old flame may be in touch.

**Taurus Apr 21-May 21**  
This can be a happy week for all sorts of relationships, because even where there's the odd difference you can smooth and soothe with all the skill of a top diplomat. In a happy tie, this extra harmony can see you glow with contentment. If things have been mundane, it's time you spoke out and came up with the fresh new ways to enliven things. Call for your love scope in full.

**Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22**  
Exciting events and invitations can just seem to appear out of the ether but that makes them all the more appealing. Sometimes you prefer things to be a little predictable but with Mars and Uranus's help they're saying Scorpio "go for it" and that means whatever age you are, and whatever status you have. Cash fortune can be linked to a group. Call to hear why a friend can be the one.

**Gemini May 22-Jun 21**  
If you're house-proud and set to play host over the coming Christmas holidays some last-minute improvements can be on your mind but then equally, so can one important relationship. This can be either of a personal or professional nature, but expect someone to startle you with a proposal. You'll probably be delighted! Call to hear why unusual projects appeal.

**Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21**  
Not everyone has been able to deal with your more independent side of late, but that doesn't mean you should stop pushing ahead with plans to cast yourself in as charismatic light as possible. A new hairstyle, an overhaul of your wardrobe or putting a sparkling sheen on your CV are things to consider. At home, try to create more space. Call to hear why career relationships are so vital.

**Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23**  
You'll have a real gift for helping others or reorganising your world so it runs smoother. And you can get people onside too, by explaining any changes needed. Attending a Christmas function? Don't be surprised if you find yourself in the limelight and doing a turn on the karaoke. You may surprise yourself by how well you're received. Call to hear why words are so key.

**Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20**  
With a cluster of planets in your zone of secrets, extra personal insights can pop into the open, just when you least expect them. In love, a heart to heart can also bring issues to the surface but then you can start to sort them out. A chance invite by one pal may require a quick decision. If you've been feeling less outgoing you may be unsure. Call for more on Uranus's switchback vibe.

**Leo Jul 24-Aug 23**  
The next four weeks can trigger your love of the good thing and you can be well and truly in the seasonal spirit of things. But then as your coffers fill up on the back of a fortunate financial influence, the temptation to blow it on generous gifts and tasty treats can be all the greater. Any dietary discipline can plummet, but your spirits can soar! Call for cash news.

**Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19**  
Your business acumen can flourish but it will be either by working closely with one person, or in a team that you'll thrive best. On a personal level, you can gain through a relative's generosity and this can be linked to property or a legacy. Few times will offer the chance for you to be as authentically you as now, so seize it with both hands. Call to hear why ingenuity can pay off.

**Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23**  
Love and your popularity can revive aided by Venus having joined up with your sign. More than one person can make a beeline for you now. However, personal and emotional considerations can be on your mind. Don't be hamstrung by what you think you should do, this is a time to be true to what is right for you Virgo. Call for more on a new start in love.

**Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20**  
Success can come to you, but ambitions vary and if yours are not about status or big jobs, that's cool. You can still be in demand and may even end up with your picture in your local paper. Romance can sizzle. Someone can come into your orbit very rapidly, but you may have to be decisive Pisces. Call for more on a racy but fun Cancerian.

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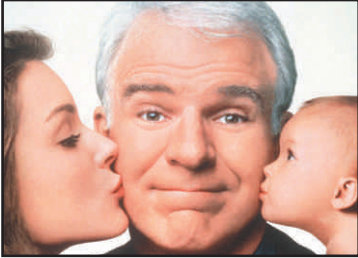
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Saturday, December 15

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	<b>The Omid Djalili Show – Topical stand-up comedy and sketch show</b>	<b>The Culture Show – Lauren Laverne looks back at the highlights of 2007</b>	<b>The X Factor Final – Dermot O'Leary hosts the climax of the talent show</b>	<b>Codex – A team of archivists compete with a group of students</b>	<b>Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit – Drama, starring Christopher Meloni</b>
	<b>6.00</b> Breakfast 4556738 <b>10.00</b> Saturday Kitchen 80196 <b>11.30</b> Bill's Food (R) 9863 <b>12.00</b> BBC News; Weather 5734738 <b>12.10</b> Football Focus 1131196 <b>1.00</b> Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the opening session of the second semi-final at the Telford International Centre, where eight frames are scheduled to take place. 1378221 <b>4.30</b> Final Score. Round-up of results. Digital viewers can access extended coverage on the interactive service. 2264405 <b>5.10</b> Out-Take. Blunders from Holby City. TV 2196080 <b>5.40</b> BBC News; Regional News; Weather 203912 <b>6.00</b> Strictly Come Dancing. The couples compete for a place in the final. The result can be seen tomorrow at 6.50pm. 6710383	<b>6.00</b> CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 1119739 <b>6.20</b> Teletubbies (R) 7519775 <b>6.45</b> Rubbadubbers (R) 7992115 <b>7.00</b> CBBC: Dogstar 3825365 <b>7.25</b> Dennis The Menace (R) 9907009 <b>7.45</b> Watch My Chops (R) 4473202 <b>8.00</b> Hider In The House (R) 75776 <b>9.00</b> TMI; Diddy Dick & Dom (R) 11080 <b>10.30</b> Stupid (R) 1302080 <b>10.55</b> The Story Of Tracy Beaker (R) 1327399 <b>11.25</b> What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) 3194641 <b>11.45</b> Sportsround 8247950 <b>12.00</b> Film: The Robe (1953). Epic religious drama. 17660298 <b>2.10</b> Film 2007 With Jonathan Ross (R) 81574955 <b>2.40</b> Seal Sanctuary (R) 1447318 <b>2.55</b> Film: Dragonslayer (1981). Medieval adventure. 24645950 <b>4.35</b> BBC Switch: Falcon Beach 2365028 <b>5.20</b> BBC Switch: Sound 2019979 <b>5.55</b> BBC Switch: Them 587486 <b>6.10</b> The Culture Show 125047	<b>6.00</b> GMTV 4832554 <b>9.25</b> CITV: Horrid Henry (R) 7622467 <b>9.40</b> Emu 4814641 <b>9.55</b> Supernormal 4837592 <b>10.10</b> My Parents Are Aliens (R) 5928467 <b>10.40</b> Bernard (R) 8583329 <b>10.50</b> Skyland 1315554 <b>11.20</b> Skyland 3232776 <b>11.50</b> ITV News And Weather 4762689 <b>12.00</b> London Today; Weather 3655370 <b>12.05</b> Saturday Cooks! 1652318 <b>1.35</b> Film: Snow Day (2000). Comedy, starring Chris Elliott. 76757028 <b>3.10</b> Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977). James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore. Continues after the news. 55355736 <b>4.45</b> London Today; Weather 7625931 <b>5.00</b> ITV News And Weather 1455134 <b>5.15</b> Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977). Concluded. 212844 <b>6.15</b> The Westlife Show: Live. Performances of their five most popular tracks. 203196	<b>6.00</b> The Hoobs (R) 5814347 <b>6.25</b> The Hoobs (R) 6369432 <b>6.50</b> The Treacle People (R) 6827757 <b>7.00</b> Goalissimo (R) 69115 <b>8.00</b> The Morning Line 9880776 <b>8.50</b> T4: One Tree Hill 4971383 <b>9.50</b> T4: Friends (R) 9776912 <b>10.20</b> T4: Friends (R) 1027554 <b>10.55</b> T4: Enchanted: T4 Movie Special 1312467 <b>11.25</b> T4: MobileAct Unsigned (R) 2956776 <b>12.25</b> T4: Friends (R) 8227080 <b>1.00</b> T4: Charmed (R) 21196 <b>2.00</b> Channel 4 Racing From Cheltenham And Doncaster. Alastair Down presents this afternoon's six feature races at the two courses, including the 2.40 boylesports.com Gold Cup (H'cap Chase) (2m 5f). 4047 <b>4.00</b> Richard & Judy Christmas Books 2196 <b>5.00</b> Time Team (R) 7660 <b>6.00</b> Codex 130979 <b>6.45</b> Channel 4 News 963554	<b>6.00</b> Sunrise 8379080 <b>7.00</b> Milkshake! Hi-5 (R) 4298641 <b>7.35</b> Hana's Helpline (R) 2807080 <b>7.50</b> The Beeps 2828573 <b>8.05</b> Harry And His Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs 3305283 <b>8.20</b> The Book Of Pooh (R) 8142405 <b>8.50</b> Roobarb And Custard Too (R) 2675467 <b>9.05</b> Funky Valley (R) 5426047 <b>9.15</b> The Adventures Of Bottle Top Bill And His Best Friend Corky (R) 5406283 <b>9.30</b> Franklin (R) 4494757 <b>10.00</b> The Gadget Show (R) 5883979 <b>11.00</b> Football Italiano Highlights 3565825 <b>11.30</b> Built For The Kill 4188573 <b>12.15</b> Film: Noah's Ark (1999). Biblical drama. 1548931 <b>2.00</b> Film: The Adventures Of Robin Hood (1938). Classic swashbuckler, starring Errol Flynn. 7952592 <b>3.55</b> Film: The NeverEnding Story (1984). Fantasy adventure. 8113660 <b>5.45</b> Film: Gremlins (1984). Comedy horror. 70693573
	7 PM	7.15 <b>Robin Hood.</b> The Sheriff turns Locksley into a garrison town. Meanwhile, Robin tries to decode a message from King Richard containing clues to the whereabouts of the "thesaurus patriae", or treasure of the nation, and Marian decides to act alone in helping the villagers. 357955	7.00 <b>Live Snooker: UK Championship.</b> Hazel Irvine is joined by John Parrott and Steve Davis for coverage of the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Telford International Centre. The commentary team includes Clive Everton, Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and John Virgo. 1196	7.15 <b>The X Factor Final.</b> After 19 weeks of hilarious auditions, nail-biting boot camps and a series of studio shows that have seen the last 12 hopefuls whittled down to just three, Dermot O'Leary presents the climax of the talent show. The result can be seen at 9.35. 87280028	7.30 <b>Deal Or No Deal.</b> Noel Edmonds hosts the game show in which contestants try to guess the values of mystery boxes holding as much as £250,000. 354863
8 PM	8.00 <b>The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.</b> Nick Knowles presents the challenge of general knowledge as new contestants prepare to take on last week's winning team. 758825 8.50 <b>Casualty.</b> Greg is assaulted after nearly colliding with a driver on his way to tend a heart attack victim. 841134	8.00 <b>Coast.</b> The east coast of Scotland, sin the English town of Berwick-upon-Tweed and ending in Aberdeen. Miranda Krestovnikoff explores the wildlife inhabiting a marine reserve near St Abbs, while Alice Roberts discovers how rust is threatening the Forth Road Bridge. (R) 4824	8.50 <b>All Star Family Fortunes.</b> Bad Girls actress Claire King and Radio One DJ Edith Bowman's families battle it out against each other as Vernon Kay hosts the celebrity game show. The stars hope to win a prize of up to £30,000 to donate to the charity of their choice. 124979	8.15 <b>This Is Civilisation.</b> Matthew Collings tells the story of modern art and culture, from its beginnings in artists such as Picasso, Klee and Mondrian, up to the present day. He ends his journey with a visit to the booming contemporary art scene in Beijing. Last in series. 591863	8.45 <b>NCIS.</b> An accident at a Navy bombing range brings to light an area used by the Mafia to dump the bodies of their victims. One of the corpses is identified as a missing FBI agent, so the team investigate the events leading up to his death. Crime drama, guest starring Joe Spano. (R) 8085844
9 PM	9.40 <b>The Omid Djalili Show.</b> Topical stand-up comedy and sketch show. Sketches feature the aspiring actor, another visit to the confused world of the Mafia Boss and a football yob who contradicts assumptions about his behaviour by hugging unsuspecting members of the public. 393776	9.00 <b>Have I Got A Bit More News For You.</b> Extended version, with host Richard Madeley. Last in series. 500641 9.40 <b>Snooker: UK Championship.</b> Hazel Irvine introduces highlights from the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Telford International Centre, 7118405	9.35 <b>The X Factor Final Results.</b> The remaining contestants make a last-minute bid for viewers' votes by performing for the last time as X Factor wannabes. There's also an appearance by special guest Kylie Minogue and a few more surprises before the votes are counted. 894592	9.15 <b>100 Funniest Moments.</b> Rob Brydon narrates a compilation of hilarious slip-ups, gaffes and forgotten gags from chat-shows and hidden camera pranks to stand-up comedy spots and Internet attachments. Featuring interviews with Jon Culshaw, Meera Syal and Michael Barrymore. (R) 62760486	9.40 <b>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.</b> The team discover the head of a casino card dealer mounted to a wall while investigating her disappearance. Their subsequent inquest into her murder leads them to a strange UFO cult who believe reptile-like aliens are trying to take over the world. (R) 4496080
10 PM	10.10 <b>BBC News; Weather;</b> National Lottery Update 172405 10.30 <b>Match Of The Day.</b> Highlights of this afternoon's Premier League matches, including Portsmouth's clash with Tottenham Hotspur, as Harry Redknapp's side look to maintain their charge for a European place. 21467		10.35 <b>ITV News And Weather; Weather</b> 429573 10.50 <b>All New TV's Naughtiest Blunders.</b> Neil Morrissey narrates a selection of X-rated out-takes. Des O'Connor, Melanie Sykes and the casts of Emmerdale and Footballers' Wives are among the celebrities turning the air blue. 7057660		10.40 <b>Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit.</b> The rape and murder of a criminology student leads detectives Stabler and Benson on the trail of a killer with an expert knowledge of forensics. The detectives soon put the victim's mentor on their list of suspects when they discover he's an ex-con. 6019738
11 PM	12.00 <b>Film: Into The Sun (1992).</b> Premiere. A US air force captain stationed in the Middle East grudgingly accepts the job of showing a Hollywood star around the base so he can prepare for a role. But the pair are forced to work together to survive when they get shot down over hostile territory. Cliched action adventure, starring Anthony Michael Hall, Deborah Moore, Terry Kiser and Michael Pare. 785239 1.40 <b>Friday Night With Jonathan Ross.</b> With Will Smith; (R) Weatherview 8163719 2.45 <b>BBC News 24</b> 56685784	11.10 <b>Kenneth Branagh – A Culture Show Special</b> The director talks to Mark Kermode about the highs and lows of his career and discusses Sleuth, a remake of the 1972 classic, and what it was like to work with Michael Caine and Harold Pinter. 889931 11.40 <b>Film: In My Father's Den (2004).</b> Premiere. Drama, starring Matthew Macfadyen. 775370 1.40 <b>The Culture Show.</b> (R) 5607974 2.30 <b>Film: Roberto Succo (2001).</b> Premiere. Fact-based thriller, starring Stefano Cassetti. 70535	12.00 <b>Make Your Play.</b> Interactive game show. 51401326 4.10 <b>The Jules And Lulu Show.</b> Camp entertainment show. (R) 99188210 4.35 <b>The Jules And Lulu Show.</b> Camp entertainment show. (R) 17254887 5.00 <b>CITY: Pocoyo</b> Pato and Pocoyo look after Baby Bird. 4332887 5.10 <b>Jim Jam &amp; Sunny.</b> Bot lends Jim Jam a telescope. (R) 2527239 5.20 <b>Engie Benjy.</b> 2612351 5.30 <b>Curious George.</b> (R) 7793500 5.45 <b>Pocoyo.</b> Learning to share. 1108910 5.55 <b>ITV Morning News</b> 7382910	1.25 <b>Film: Conquest Of The Planet Of The Apes (1972).</b> Intelligent talking chimpanzee Roddy McDowall urges his fellow simians to revolt against their slave-driving human masters. Fourth in the series of sci-fi dramas, also starring Ricardo Montalban. 941429 3.00 <b>Hallo Panda.</b> An anti-love story. (R) 5956852 3.35 <b>Wild Things.</b> Wildlife documentaries. (R) 6049968 4.25 <b>Headland.</b> Mel and Andy throw a party. (R) 5968871 5.15 <b>Countdown.</b> (R) 4775974	11.40 <b>Criminal Minds.</b> The team travel to New York City to investigate a series of murders that appear to have been committed by a vigilante exacting revenge on released former criminals. (R) 4170950 12.40 <b>Quiz Call.</b> Interactive game show giving viewers the chance to phone in and answer questions for cash prizes. 43487245 5.10 <b>Wildlife SOS.</b> The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) 84145528 5.35 <b>Wildlife SOS.</b> The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) 17153806

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Frustratingly dull chiller, starring Robert De Niro. <b>10.35</b> Little Britain <b>11.10</b> Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps <b>11.40</b> Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps <b>12.10</b> Comedy Shuffle <b>12.40</b> Comedy Shorts: Best Of 2007 <b>1.45</b> Tittybangbang <b>2.15</b> The Real Hustle <b>2.45</b> Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps <b>3.15</b> Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps <b>3.45</b>	Comedy Shorts: Best Of 2007 <b>4.55</b> Close <b>BBC4</b> <b>7.00</b> The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby <b>8.00</b> The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby <b>9.00</b> Lead Balloon <b>9.30</b> More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy <b>10.00</b> Film: Les Choristes (2004) <b>11.30</b> The Haunted Airman <b>12.40</b> More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy <b>1.10</b> Goodbye Children Everywhere: Timeshift <b>2.10</b> The Haunted Airman <b>3.20</b> More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy <b>3.50</b> Close <b>ITV2</b> <b>9.25</b> Emmerdale <b>12.05</b> Coronation Street <b>2.30</b> All Star Family Fortunes <b>3.15</b> Xtra Factor: Best And Worst 2006 <b>4.15</b> Xtra Factor: Best And Worst 2006 <b>5.15</b> Xtra Factor: Best And Worst 2006 <b>6.15</b> Xtra Factor: The Winner's Story 2006 <b>7.15</b> The New Adventures Of Superman <b>8.15</b> The Planet's Funniest Animals <b>8.50</b> Xtra Factor Final <b>9.35</b> Superstar Weddings Gone Bad <b>10.05</b> Heartthrobs: Gone Bad <b>10.35</b> Xtra Factor Final Results <b>11.35</b> Film: Cliffhanger (1993). Retired mountain rescue expert Sylvester Stallone is drawn into a battle of wits with psychotic criminal John Lithgow. Thriller, also starring Michael Rooker. <b>1.40</b> The X Factor Final Results <b>2.40</b> Xtra Factor	<div></div> <div><b>Father of the Bride 2, UKTV Gold, 9pm</b> Final Results <b>3.40</b> Emmerdale <b>ITV3</b> <b>6.00</b> The Magnificent Seven <b>6.50</b> Film File <b>7.00</b> Missing Persons <b>8.00</b> Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods <b>9.00</b> The Magnificent Seven <b>9.55</b> Our New Life In Everwood <b>11.45</b> Film: Cromwell (1970) <b>2.25</b> Pie In The Sky <b>3.30</b> The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes <b>4.40</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot <b>5.45</b> The Two Ronnies <b>6.45</b> Bramwell <b>9.00</b> Film: Hope And Glory (1987) <b>11.15</b> Agatha Christie's Poirot <b>12.20</b> McCloud <b>1.50</b> The Man Who Made</div>	Husbands Jealous <b>2.40</b> The Vice <b>4.00</b> Teleshopping <b>ITV4</b> <b>12.30</b> Police, Camera, Action! <b>1.00</b> The Contender <b>2.00</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun <b>2.30</b> 3rd Rock From The Sun <b>3.00</b> Movies Now <b>3.15</b> Space 1999 <b>4.15</b> The Professionals <b>5.15</b> When Stunts Go Bad <b>6.15</b> Police Stop! <b>7.15</b> World's Most Daring Rescues <b>8.10</b> Police, Camera, Action! <b>8.40</b> Police Patrol <b>8.50</b> The Sweeney <b>9.50</b> Film: Blind Fury (1989) <b>11.35</b> International Fight League <b>12.35</b> Police, Camera, Action! <b>1.05</b> LAPD: Life On The Beat <b>1.30</b> LAPD: Life On The Beat <b>1.55</b> Dinner For Five <b>2.25</b> Dinner For Five <b>2.55</b> Saturday Night Live <b>3.40</b> ITV4 Nightscreen <b>4.00</b> Teleshopping <b>E4</b> <b>6.00</b> Anything Goes <b>8.00</b> Our Showbiz Mates <b>9.00</b> E4 Music Lessons <b>12.00</b> The Simple Life <b>12.35</b> Beauty & The Geek <b>1.30</b> Age Of Love <b>2.30</b> Hollyoaks <b>5.00</b> Friends <b>6.05</b> The Class <b>6.35</b> The Class <b>7.05</b> Smallville <b>8.00</b> Friends <b>9.00</b> Friends <b>9.35</b> Friends <b>10.05</b> Friends <b>10.35</b> Friends <b>11.05</b> Friends <b>11.35</b> Friends <b>12.05</b> Friends <b>12.35</b> Ghost Whisperer <b>1.30</b> Unan1mous <b>2.00</b> The Charlotte Church Show <b>2.45</b> Get Your Act Together With Harvey Goldsmith <b>3.45</b>	Friends <b>4.05</b> Friends <b>4.30</b> Switched <b>4.55</b> Switched <b>5.15</b> Switched <b>5.40</b> Close <b>MORE4</b> <b>9.00</b> Junkyard Wars <b>10.00</b> Time Team <b>11.00</b> Time Team <b>12.00</b> Time Team <b>1.05</b> Time Team <b>2.05</b> Film: Guns Of Fort Petticoat (1957) <b>3.40</b> Grand Designs <b>4.45</b> Grand Designs <b>5.50</b> Grand Designs <b>6.55</b> Grand Designs <b>7.55</b> Grand Designs <b>9.00</b> Snowmail <b>9.05</b> The West Wing <b>10.05</b> Death Of A President <b>12.00</b> The Closer <b>1.00</b> Grand Designs <b>2.00</b> Deal Or No Deal <b>2.40</b> Close <b>UKTV GOLD</b> <b>6.00</b> Dallas <b>7.00</b> 2point4 Children <b>7.40</b> Yes, Prime Minister <b>8.20</b> Yes, Prime Minister <b>9.00</b> One Foot In The Grave <b>9.40</b> Keeping Up Appearances <b>10.20</b> Last Of The Summer Wine <b>11.00</b> My Hero <b>11.40</b> Dinnerladies <b>12.25</b> Dinnerladies <b>1.05</b> Doctor Who <b>3.05</b> Film: Rooster Cogburn (1975) <b>5.15</b> Doctor Who <b>6.15</b> Dinnerladies <b>6.55</b> Dinnerladies <b>7.40</b> Dinnerladies <b>8.20</b> Dinnerladies <b>9.00</b> Film: Father Of The Bride 2 (1995). Steve Martin returns as the put-upon dad, who this time is shocked to find he's about to become a father again as well as a first-time grandparent. Comedy sequel, with Diane Keaton. <b>11.05</b> Victoria Wood At The Albert Hall <b>1.30</b> Only Fools And Horses <b>2.10</b> Prison Break <b>3.00</b> TV
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Sunday, December 16

BBC 1



**Cranford – Judi Dench stars as Miss Matty in the period drama**

**6.00** Breakfast 6905719 **7.25** Match Of The Day 62867516 **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show 20871 **10.00** Christmas Voices 99332 **11.00** Countryfile. Christmas preparations in a flood-hit area. Including weather for the week ahead. 13968 **12.00** BBC News 3637974 **12.05** Cash In The Attic (R) 5448177 **12.50** Keeping Up Appearances (R) 7434784 **1.20** Diagnosis Murder (R) 5122332 **2.10** EastEnders 824500 **4.05** Robin Hood (R) 6664158 **4.50** Lifeline 8614581 **5.00** Songs Of Praise 5397448 **5.50** Cranford. Miss Matty suffers a great disappointment. (R) 368332 **6.50** Strictly Come Dancing. The Spice Girls perform two of their hits and the couples who received the fewest public votes face a dance-off, hoping to avoid elimination before next week's final. 827500

BBC 2



**Live Snooker: UK Championship – Hazel Irvine presents**

**6.00** CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 4963451 **6.20** Teletubbies (R) 6868087 **6.45** Rubbadubbers (R) 7969887 **7.00** CBBC: Jakers! (R) 9988974 **7.20** Pinky And The Brain (R) 9895210 **7.40** Even Stevens (R) 7039121 **8.05** The Basil Brush Show (R) 1912910 **8.30** SMart 72968 **9.30** Hedz (R) 26500 **10.00** Something For The Weekend 56351 **11.30** Animal Park (R) 72158 **12.30** Film: Attack On The Iron Coast (1967). World War Two thriller. Lloyd Bridges stars. 77603 **2.00** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine is joined in the studio by former champions John Parrott and Steve Davis for coverage of the opening session of the final at the Telford International Centre. 3015061 **6.00** My Life With Animals: Charlotte Uhlenbroek (R) 177 **6.30** An Otter In The Family 429

ITV 1



**Parkinson: The Final Conversation – Guests include Billy Connolly**

**6.00** GMTV 4736326 **9.25** The Championship 3320719 **10.25** CITV: Art Attack (R) 9825429 **10.50** Finger Tips (R) 8569535 **11.10** Jim Jam & Sunny 3111239 **11.40** Pocoyo (R) 4733177 **11.50** The Amazing Adrenalini Brothers (R) 4722061 **12.00** ITV News And Weather 5729806 **12.10** London Today: Weather 3646622 **12.15** Film: Beethoven's 5th (2003). Premiere. Family comedy. 547429 **1.55** The X Factor Final (R) 76737264 **3.30** The X Factor Final Results (R) 65177 **4.30** Best Ever Worst Auditions 3 (R) 66351 **5.30** Paul Potts – By Royal Command. The story of the mobile phone salesman from Port Talbot, charting his time as manager of a Bridgend store to national success as Britain's Got Talent winner. 97332 **6.30** London Tonight: Weather 591264 **6.45** ITV News And Weather 581887

CHANNEL 4



**Make Me a Muslim – Volunteers agree to live under Islamic law**

**6.00** Cubeez (R) 7663326 **6.10** Transworld Sport 7356622 **7.00** Freesports On 4 24210 **8.00** World Cup Skiing 5313974 **8.55** T4: The OC. The Lighthouse papers are ready to sign. (R) 9626036 **9.55** T4: St Trinian's: T4 Movie Special 8867142 **10.30** T4: Hollyoaks 895326 **1.00** T4: MobileAct Unsigned 2884351 **2.05** T4: Friends. Rachel is told off for dating Tag. (R) 4991500 **2.40** T4: Ugly Betty (R) 9262581 **3.40** T4: The Simpsons (R) 4589887 **4.15** T4: The Simpsons (R) 5943535 **4.50** Film: Jingle All The Way (1996). Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as a workaholic who attempts to make up for his absence at home by buying his son the only gift he wants for Christmas. Stilted seasonal shenanigans, with Jake Lloyd. 72051142 **6.25** Scrapheap Challenge 5223546

FIVE



**Beyond the Break – Four girls train to become professional surfers**

**6.00** Milkshake! 3878535 **10.00** Hannah Montana 3709245 **10.30** Hannah Montana 5832887 **11.00** 8 Simple Rules 3469697 **11.30** Beyond The Break 3460326 **12.00** Wild Events (R) 5750239 **12.30** Wild Challenge 89733535 **12.40** St Martin-in-the-Fields. A new series profiling the famous Trafalgar Square church. 4965581 **1.30** Football Italiano. Torino v AS Roma (Kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Chapman and Laura Esposto introduce live coverage of the Serie A encounter at the Stadio Olimpico Grande Torino. 71304516 **4.25** Film: Shout At The Devil (1976). A mismatched trio set out to blow up a German battle cruiser in pre-World War One Africa. Old-fashioned actioner starring Lee Marvin and Roger Moore. 74364968 **6.40** Five News And Sport 1227264

7 PM

**7.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather 533535

**7.00** Earth: The Power Of The Planet. Dr Iain Stewart examines the role of the oceans in the formation of Earth as it is today. From the shaping of coastlines to the phenomena of El Nino, the energy of current is the most consistent in nature and when it fails the effects are catastrophic. (R) 8239

**7.00** Emmerdale. Lisa learns Andy wants Jo to adopt Sarah and warns Debbie about the plan. Lily's flirting with Doug continues to annoy Hilary, while Val wants to move in with Pollard. 4974 **7.30** Coronation Street. An irate Sarah resolves to put an end to David's Italian dream. 239

**7.30** Channel 4 News 581

**7.00** Film: Little Black Book (2004). Premiere. A naive researcher for a TV talk show becomes increasingly insecure about her boyfriend's past, and sneaks a look at his personal organiser for clues. Romantic comedy, starring Brittany Murphy, Holly Hunter, Kathy Bates and Ron Livingston. 5759968

8 PM

**8.00** Antiques Roadshow. The team pay a visit to Rochester Cathedral, where they unearth some surprising finds including a rare Scottish sword found hidden behind a chimney and some well maintained delivery bicycles that are still being put to good use. 2245

**8.00** Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine presents, while John Parrott and Steve Davis give their expert opinion on the concluding session of the final at the Telford International Centre, where the first to 10 frames will be crowned champion. Subsequent programmes are subject to change. 309719

**8.00** Heartbeat. When a man dies falling from a bridge, Joe discovers the dead man and his girlfriend were implicated in a baby's disappearance three years previously. Foul play is suspected when the man's post-mortem reveals injuries consistent with a recent fight. 4413

**8.00** Make Me A Muslim. New series. Six volunteers agree to live under Islamic law to learn more about the religion. The group proves resistant as the life-changing implications of the code are realised, particularly Karla, a white, British Christian and her boyfriend Ash, a lapsed British-born Muslim. 2055

9 PM

**9.00** Cranford. In the final episode of the series, the true nature of friendship within Cranford is revealed when the ladies rally to help Miss Matty when she receives terrible news. Meanwhile, Dr Harrison suffers as his career, reputation and relationship all seem ruined. 9581

**9.00** Parkinson: The Final Conversation. The penultimate episode of final series sees Parky talking to some of his favourite interviewees from the past 35 years, David Beckham, Billy Connolly, Judi Dench, David Attenborough, Michael Caine, Peter Kay and Dame Edna Everage. 7500

**9.00** Film: A Knight's Tale (2001). Poverty-stricken squire Heath Ledger spies an opportunity to make his dreams come true when his employer pops his clogs. However, his rise is jeopardised by a dastardly nobleman. Thoroughly entertaining action-packed comedy. 48195351

**9.00** Film: Closer (2004). Premiere. Julia Roberts, Jude Law and Clive Owen star in this complex and critically acclaimed drama from director Mike Nichols, which follows a mismatched group of people living in London over a period of years as their tangled relationships draw them inextricably together. 9381871

10 PM

**10.00** BBC News; Weather 193790 **10.20** Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy. The comedienne interviews popular funnymen about the nature of comedy. 667210 **10.50** Match Of The Day 2. Adrian Chiles and guests review this afternoon's two Premier League games. 626061

11 PM

**11.50** Film: The Price Of Beauty (2000). Drama, starring Marina Black; Weatherview 417245 **1.20** Sign Zone: Watchdog. Consumer investigations. (R) 5145746 **1.50** Sign Zone: Holby City. News about his children puts Elliot in a terrible mood. (R) 2572833 **2.50** Sign Zone: The Nature Of Britain. Alan Titchmarsh explores the country's wildernesses. (R) 1274746 **3.40** Sign Zone: The Nature Of Britain. (R) 6013543 **4.30** BBC News 24 57974

**11.00** Graham Norton Uncut. The X Factor judge Sharon Osbourne joins the host as he presents a mix of monologues, celebrity chat and eccentric characters, sharing his humorous views with the audience. With music from indie-rockers the Stereophonics. 762622 **11.45** Film: A Man Called Horse (1970). An English lord, captured by Sioux tribesmen, suffers the humiliation of being forced to become a beast of burden. Western adventure, starring Richard Harris. 997852 **1.35** BBC News 24 99039320

**11.00** ITV News And Weather; Weather 449784 **11.15** Real Crime: The Almost Perfect Murder (R) 432968 **12.15** Alpha – Did It Change Their Lives? 6028036 **1.10** Film: Play It To The Bone (1999). 49242291 **3.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) 7931185 **4.10** ITV Nightscreen 5949746 **5.00** CITV: Pocoyo (R) 4236659 **5.10** Jim Jam & Sunny 2587611 **5.20** Engie Benjy 2516123 **5.30** Curious George (R) 7760272 **5.45** Pocoyo (R) 5403122 **5.55** ITV Morning News 1687122

**11.25** Addicted To Porn. The causes and costs of addiction to pornography. 412790 **12.30** Album Chart Show: David Gray Special Music and chat with the singer-songwriter. 44185 **1.00** Phil Spector's Demons (R) 48123 **2.00** Film: The New Age (1994). Tense drama, starring Peter Weller. 788340 **3.55** Friday Night In (R) 67662456 **4.05** Fast Spin Fling (R) 59787185 **4.10** Headland. (R) 5321036 **5.05** Countdown (R) 4673562 **5.50** Cubeez (R) 8853843

**11.00** Film: Enough (2002). Premiere. A woman married to a violent man goes on the run with their daughter, but it's not long before he's hot on their trail. Tacky thriller. 85814142 **1.10** NFL Live. New York Giants v Washington Redskins (Kick-off 1.15am). Nat Coombs and Mike Carlson introduce coverage of the potentially-crucial NFC East clash at Giants Stadium. 76449475 **4.50** Kickboxing: Now Is The Time – Night Of Combat. 4235369 **5.35** Motorsport Mundial. 17057678

SATELLITE AND FREEVIEW

SKY ONE

**6.00** Hour Of Power **7.00** Little Monsters **8.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **9.00** Brainiac's Test Tube Baby **10.00** Buffy The Vampire Slayer **11.00** WWE: Experience **12.00** Robot Wars Extreme **1.00** Brainiac: Science Abuse **2.00** Project Runway **3.00** Bones **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? **7.00** The Simpsons **7.30** Film: Mrs Doubtfire (1993) **9.55** Bones **10.55** Robbie Williams: A Close Encounter **12.25** Pop Years **1.25** Death By Excess **2.25** Buffy The Vampire Slayer **3.20** Nip/Tuck **4.15** Nip/Tuck **5.10** Guilty! **BBC3** **7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Liverpool Nativity **9.00** Don't Tell The Bride **10.00** Tittybangbang **10.30** The Mighty Boosh **11.00** Liverpool Nativity **12.00** Don't Tell The Bride **12.55** Tittybangbang **1.25** The Mighty Boosh **1.55** Baby-Faced Bodybuilders **2.50** Xtreme Teen Drivers **3.20** Looking After Mum **4.15** Doctor Who Confidential **4.30** Close **BBC4** **7.00** The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby **8.00** The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas Nickleby **9.00** The Moon **10.00**

Star Men **10.40** A View From A Hill **11.20** The Late Edition **11.50** A Game Of Two Eras: 1957 V 2007 **12.50** The Moon **1.50** Star Men **2.30** A View From A Hill **3.10** A Game Of Two Eras: 1957 V 2007 **4.10** The Late Edition **4.40** Close **ITV2** **9.25** All Star Family Fortunes **10.05** The Westlife Show: Live **11.10** Emmerdale **1.55** Film: Back To The Future Part III (1990) **4.05** Coronation Street **6.25** The X Factor Final **8.00** The X Factor Final Results **9.00** Film: Cliffhanger (1993) **11.10** Film: Daylight (1996) **1.20** Coronation Street **1.50** The X Factor Final **3.15** The X Factor Final Results **4.10** Teleshopping **5.10** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3** **6.00** Marlborough **6.50** Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime **7.55** Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods **8.55** Marlborough **9.55** The Two Ronnies **10.55** Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime **12.00** Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods **1.00** Agatha Christie's Seven Dials Mystery **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Andrea Bocelli – Under The Desert Sky **8.00** Great Garden Detectives **9.00** Film: Gorillas In The Mist (1988) **11.35** The Big Easy **12.35** Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime



Smallville, E4, 9 pm

**1.35** McCloud **3.10** Savage Planet **3.40** Emmerdale **ITV4** **12.30** World Rally Championship: Greatest Drivers **1.30** Police, Camera, Action! **2.00** Police Stop! **3.00** Minder **4.00** The Sweeney **5.00** Police, Camera, Action! **5.30** Police, Camera, Action! **6.00** World Rally Championship: Greatest Drivers **7.00** UFO **8.00** Jericho **9.00** Minder **10.00** Bouncers **10.30** Film: The Amityville Horror (1979). Sporadically chilling shocker, with

James Brolin and Margot Kidder. Including Entertainment News Update. **12.45** Minder **1.50** Video Justice **2.15** LAPD: Life On The Beat **2.35** LAPD: Life On The Beat **3.00** Millennium **3.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **4.00** Teleshopping **E4** **6.00** Anything Goes **8.00** Our Showbiz Mates **9.00** E4 Music's School Disco **11.25** Enchanted: T4 Movie Special **12.00** The 100 Greatest Christmas Moments **4.00** Friends **5.00** Ghost Whisperer **6.00** Miss Match **7.00** Friends **8.00** Ugly Betty **9.00** Smallville **10.00** Film: Cheaper By The Dozen (2003). Threadbare family comedy remake. **11.50** Film: Kalifornia (1993). Slick thriller. **2.25** Unan1mous **2.45** MobileAct Unsigned **3.45** Miss Match **4.30** Switched **4.45** Switched **5.10** Switched **5.35** Switched **MORE4** **9.00** A Place In The Sun **9.30** Scrapheap Challenge **10.30** Scrapheap Challenge **11.35** Scrapheap Challenge **12.40** Location, Location, Location Revisited **1.10** Location, Location, Location **1.45** Location, Location, Location **2.20** Location, Location, Location **2.55** Location, Location, Location **3.30** Location, Location, Location **4.00** Come Dine With Me **4.35** Come Dine With Me

**5.10** Come Dine With Me **5.45** Come Dine With Me **6.20** Come Dine With Me **6.55** Dispatches **7.55** Relocation, Relocation **9.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares **10.00** Born To Be Different **11.05** Father Ted **11.40** Father Ted **12.10** Studio 60 On The Sunset Strip **1.10** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.20** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares **3.20** Close UKTV GOLD **6.00** Close Up **6.10** As Time Goes By **6.50** Keeping Up Appearances **7.30** Keeping Up Appearances **8.50** As Time Goes By **9.30** Keeping Up Appearances **10.10** Keeping Up Appearances **10.50** Porridge **11.30** Open All Hours **12.10** Only Fools And Horses **12.50** Only Fools And Horses **1.30** Only Fools And Horses **2.10** Only Fools And Horses **2.50** Only Fools And Horses **3.30** Only Fools And Horses **4.10** Only Fools And Horses **4.50** Film: Father Of The Bride 2 (1995). Laugh-free comedy sequel, with Diane Keaton. **7.00** Only Fools And Horses **7.40** Only Fools And Horses **8.20** Only Fools And Horses **9.00** Dalziel & Pascoe. The murder of a Sikh woman sparks confrontation. **10.55** Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001). Daft and fast-paced adventure, starring Angelina Jolie and Daniel Craig. **12.50** Blackadder The Third **1.30** Blackadder The Third **2.05** Dalziel &



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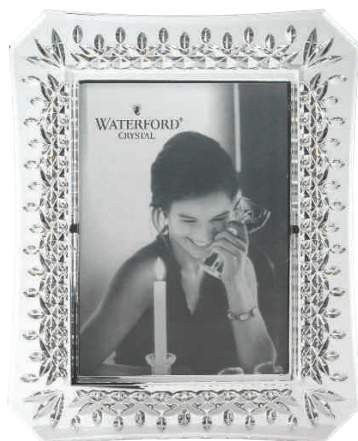
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## Fixtures

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

**Ryman League, div one north:** Heybridge Swifts v Harlow Tn.  
**Essex Senior League:** Mauritius Sports & Pennant v Sawbridgeworth Tn.  
**Essex Premier Cup, 3rd rnd:** Stansted v Epping.  
**LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League, snr div one:** Potter Street v Sandon Royals.  
**Footprints Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, prem div:** Loughton v Potter Street res, North Weald v White Roding, Old Street v Sheering, Pelly House v Birchanger, Quendon Ath v Hatfield Heath.  
**Div one:** Dunmow Rhodes v Heath Rovers, Frontiers v Langley Rangers, Hatfield Heath res v Avondale Rangers, Salvation Army v Albury, Thorley Park v North Weald res.

#### Rugby

**London & South East, div three north east:** Harlow v Saffron Walden.  
**Essex League, div one:** Bancroft v Upper Clapton.

#### Hockey

**Essex Women's League, prem div:** Colchester II v Harlow.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

**Football**  
**Harlow & District Football League, prem div:** Parndon Royals v Maypole Ath, Old Tn v Ridsen Wd.  
**Div one:** Pollards v New Tn Rangers, Ridsen Wd res v Lindsey Street, Unique v Maypole Ath res, Altham Grove v Old Townmead.  
**Div two:** Barnes v A&A, Eastwick v Atletico UG, FC Parkside v Rouge Lyon res, Pools v Galaxy.  
**Div three:** Maiden v Ridsen Wd A, Matching v Maypole Sp, Talento v Brookside, UG v Latton Orient.  
**Div four:** Abbey Albion v Broadley Common, Cottingham v Langley Legends, FC Clark v Harberts OB, FC Flare v Sewardstone.  
**Div five:** Brookside res v Eppalido, Stewards Sp v Matching res, Altham Grove res v Archers Dart, Stewards Sp v Matching res.  
**Essex Premier Cup, 4th rnd:** Heath Park v Marquis Sports, GPCA v Howbridge Swifts, Rouge Lyon v Eastgate.  
**Harlow & District League Cup, 2nd rnd:** Ashfield v Matching res.  
**Essex Junior Trophy 3rd rnd:** Baddow Spartak v Altham Grove res.  
**Essex Junior Cup, 3rd rnd:** Larsen v Old Townmead, Old Upminster v Pools.  
 ● Go to [www.harlowstar.co.uk](http://www.harlowstar.co.uk) for all the **Harlow Star** Youth Community League fixtures.

## Ladies slip to fifth spot

HARLOW Ladies slipped to fifth in the premier division table following a 3-1 defeat at home to promotion-chasing Wapping II in the Essex County Hockey League.

It was a third successive defeat for Liezel Hansson's team, who started the season so well but now appear to be in freefall.

Harlow have conceded 11 goals in their last three games.

The Passmores School-based team will hope to turn things around in their last match before the Christmas break, which is at Colchester II this Saturday.

Colchester are a place below Harlow in the table but are four points adrift.

Harlow are eight points behind leaders Basildon, who have opened up a four-point gap at the top.

## 20-year milestone for sports club

A TRIATHLON club in Epping has celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Tri Sport Epping was formed in the autumn of 1987 by Brian Daley MBE.

To celebrate the milestone the club held a team relay event followed by a celebratory meal.

Soon after its launch the club held a six-race mini triathlon and in 1990 held its first 'try a tri' day in conjunction with Today's Runner magazine, which has been running ever since and introduced hundreds of athletes to the sport. The club was also the



**MILESTONE:** Members of Tri Sport Epping celebrate its 20th anniversary

first to achieve both Sport England and British Triathlon clubmark awards.

Tri Sport Epping also has a well established junior section and ran its first children's triathlon in

1999 at Upminster, Essex. A 24-page commemorative brochure has been produced to

celebrate the anniversary. It looks back at the last 20 years and profiles some members.

# Last eight in sight after narrow win

## Harlow Hawks 77, Lithuanians 68

(National Founders Cup, London area A group match)

**HAWKS continued their quest to reach a third successive Founders Cup final with a narrow victory over London-based side Lithuanians at the Sportcentre.**

In front of a good crowd, Harlow – who won this competition last year – picked up another group stage win to boost their chances of making the last eight.

Both teams struggled to make any major impact for the first few minutes before Lithuanians went on a 9-0 run.

Hawks were struggling to put the ball in the basket as they only managed a single score courtesy of Dan Scott in the first seven min-



**HOLDING ON:** Dan Scott tries to find a way past the Lithuanians defence at the Sportcentre on Saturday  
 Photo: Kevin Lines (SRTHVKYZ-04)

utes of the quarter.

The hosts then finally found their feet and scores from Shab Niaz, Paul Jessop and Amit Sharma

left them just a point adrift (17-16) at the first break.

The two sides traded baskets in the early stages of the second quarter before a

Paul Jessop three-pointer.

Scott continued to be a handful for the Lithuanian defence as he either made an inside score or got fouled to go to the free throw line.

A little 7-2 burst by Hawks gave them the lead for the first time in the game but this was short-lived as Lithuanians struck again to go into the half-time break 34-32 ahead.

Dissent towards the officials from the visiting coach enabled Harlow to cut the deficit early on.

A three-pointer by Shab Niaz gave the Hawks the lead, which they would retain for the rest of the game.

The hosts showed great defence at this point and went on a 14-0 run to open up a double-digit lead with scores coming from Mark Overland, Jessop and Sharma.

The Londoners hit back at the end of the quarter as Harlow led 59-49 at the final break.

Hawks extended their lead further with a three-pointer from Sharma and two foul shot scores from Ilker Ramadan at the start of the final quarter.

Lithuanians then produced an 8-1 to cut the gap to eight points.

Scott and Jessop increased the lead and made the remaining minutes far more comfortable for the home fans.

This victory reversed Hawks' only defeat in this competition which came against Lithuanians a month ago.

Hawks coach Shab Niaz said: "It wasn't the most classic of games and our team had to stay focused despite the opposition questioning every call that the officials made which disrupted the flow of the game. "A great third quarter performance put us on our way for a crucial win."

**HARLOW HAWKS:** Jessop (41pts), S. Niaz (14), Overland (14), Scott (13), Sharma (13), Ramadan (2), Spashett, Wright.

## High-flying Hawks catch Sharks out

THE Hatfield Sharks certainly bit off more than they could chew when they faced division one pace-setters Harlow Hawks at the Sportcentre on Friday evening.

The struggling Sharks – who have not won a single match yet this season and only turned up with six players – were quickly on the back foot as Shab Niaz's side stormed into a 7-0 lead.

Paul Jessop started the scoring with a jump shot just inside the three-point line and this was followed by two free throws as player-coach Niaz was hacked on his way

## Harlow Hawks 113, Hatfield Sharks 55

(Herts Basketball League, division one)

to the basket.

After three minutes Sharks finally managed to score with a jump shot from the baseline.

However, this was followed by three successive three-pointers by the Hawks, with two from Paul Jessop and one from Dave Spashett.

After a Sharks time-out, Jessop continued his scoring spree with six three-pointers, notching 20 points in the first quarter.

One asset the visitors did have was a 6ft 10ins centre who was making it difficult to score close to the basket, swatting some of the Hawks' shots.

Harlow struggled throughout the second quarter as the Sharks went on an 11-15 scoring run, but due to the Hertfordshire side's poor performance in the first quarter they still trailed 46-24.

Hawks took a time-out to lift their own intensity on the defence and this had the desired effect as the side went on a 14-2 run to close out the quarter.

The hosts led 54-26 going into half-time.

Niaz's men dominated the third quarter, out-scoring their opponents by 30-6 as the Sharks found themselves out of the game trailing 84-32.

The Hawks then went on cruise control for the final quarter, allowing the Sharks to out-score them 29-23 but this made little difference to the final scoreline.

**HARLOW HAWKS:** Jessop (41pts), S. Niaz (31), Spashett (12), Sharma (9), Haddow (9), Jones (4), Ramadan (4), Collier (3), Wright, Burgess.

## Tables

### CAPITAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Up to & incl Wed Dec 5

#### Eastern Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Enfield Town	5	5	0	0	15
Chelmsford City	8	4	2	2	14
AFC Hornchurch	4	4	0	0	12
Harlow Tn	7	3	0	4	9
Leyton	6	2	2	2	8
St Albans City	6	2	1	3	7
Brimsdown Rovers	5	2	0	3	6
Maldon Town	7	1	2	4	5
Ware	4	1	0	3	3
Leighton Town	4	0	1	3	1

#### HOCKEY

Up to & incl Sat Dec 8

#### Essex Premier (Women)

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Basildon	10	9	0	1	27
Chelmsford III	10	7	2	1	23
Wapping II	11	6	2	3	20
Havering	11	6	1	4	19
Harlow	10	6	1	3	19
Colchester II	11	4	3	4	15
S'End & Benfleet	11	4	3	4	15
Maldon & L Baddow	11	5	0	6	15
O Loughtonians III	11	3	2	6	11
Croxteth II	10	2	3	5	9
East London	10	1	1	8	4
Brentwood II	10	0	2	8	2

### EAST MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

Up to & incl Sat Dec 8

#### Division 4SE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Havering II	11	7	3	1	24
Maldon & L Baddow	11	8	0	3	24
Harlow	11	7	1	3	22
Colchester II	11	7	0	4	20
Saffron Walden II	11	6	1	4	19
O Southendians II	11	4	4	3	16
East London II	11	5	1	5	16
Upminster III	11	4	1	6	13
Witham II	11	4	1	6	13
Havering III	11	4	1	6	13
Romford	11	1	2	8	5
Redbridge & Ilford II	11	1	1	9	4

### HARLOW & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Up to & incl Sun Dec 9

#### Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Gt Parndon CA FC	10	7	0	3	21
Old Town Athletic	8	3	2	3	11
Parndon Royals	6	3	2	1	11
Rouge Lyon	7	3	2	2	11
Marquis Sport	6	1	3	2	6
Maypole Athletic	7	1	3	3	6
Ridsen Wood	6	0	2	4	2

#### Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Lindsey Street	10	9	0	1	27
Harberts FC	9	6	1	2	19
Maypole Athl' Res	8	4	1	3	13
Ridsen Wood Res	7	4	1	2	13
Old Townmead FC	7	3	1	3	10
Pollard	7	3	0	4	9
Gt Parndon CA Res	7	3	0	4	9
Altham Grove FC	9	2	2	5	8
New Town Rangers	11	2	1	8	7
Unique	7	1	1	5	4

#### Division Two

	P	W	D	L	Pt
FC Parkside	9	9	0	0	27
Pools Athletic	7	6	0	1	18
Atletico UG FC	10	6	0	4	18
Marquis Sport Res	7	4	0	5	12
Rhyno Athletic	9	4	0	5	12
Rouge Lyon Res	8	4	0	4	12
Galaxy FC	8	4	0	4	12
Barnes Athletic FC	8	3	0	5	9
Eastwick Lions FC	8	2	0	6	6
A and A	10	1	0	9	3

#### Division Three

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Brookside Ath FC	8	7	0	1	21
Latton Orient	9	5	1	3	16
Ridsen Wood 'A'	6	5	1	0	16
Matching Utd	9	4	1	4	13
Malden FC	7	4	0	3	12
St Germaine	9	3	1	5	10
UG United FC	6	3	0	3	9
Maypole Sports	8	2	3	3	9
Harberts Res	11	3	0	8	9
Talento	7	0	1	6	1

#### Division Four

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Dynamo FC	10	8	1	1	25
Abbey Albion FC	9	6	1	2	19
Harberts 'A'	9	6	1	2	19
FC Clark	8	5	0	3	15
FC Flare	6	4	0	2	12
Sewardstone Rov's	7	3	0	4	9
Broadley Common	4	2	0	2	6
Langley Legends	8	2	0	6	6
Cottingham FC	8	0	1	7	1
Sharks (WITHDRAWN)	0	0	0	0	0
Ashfield Albion FC	7	0	0	7	0

#### Division Five

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Epping Athletic FC	8	8	0	0	24
Eppalido FC	8	6	0	2	18
Harberts OB A FC	9	6	1	2	16
Matching Utd Res	9	5	0	4	15
Brookside Ath Res FC	10	4	1	5	13
Rouge Lyon 'A' FC	8	3	0	5	9
Altham Grove Res FC	8	3	0	5	9
Archers Dart FC	7	2	0	5	6
Stewards Spartans	9	0	0	9	3



9	2	4	5	3	1	6	8	7
3	8	1	4	6	7	2	9	5
7	5	6	2	9	8	1	4	3
2	7	9	6	8	3	4	5	1
5	1	3	9	4	2	7	6	8
6	4	8	1	7	5	9	3	2
4	3	2	7	5	6	8	1	9
1	9	5	8	2	4	3	7	6
8	6	7	3	1	9	5	2	4



## Dean's double gets boss off to flyer

A BRACE from Dean Williams helped Kevin Warren get his new reign as Harlow Town reserves boss off to a magnificent start.

The Hawks are fourth in the 10-team Capital League Eastern division after a comprehensive 5-1 defeat of Chelmsford City.

Harlow went in front barely 60 seconds into Warren's tenure at Witham Town's Spa Road ground last Wednesday.

Danny Green found Jordan Withey and the winger squeezed the ball between keeper Jack Parr and a post.

Williams scored the second, stretching to divert the ball in after a cross from the left by Lewis Baker five minutes before half-time.

Williams then doubled his tally on 44 minutes, latching onto Shaun Gliddon's long ball and finding the centre of Parr's net.

After the break, Green embarked on a blistering run down the right wing before squaring to Danny Hill, whose shot found the far corner of the net.

Chelmsford pulled one back 15 minutes from time when Charlie Parker netted from Ashley Cole's cross.

Green was rewarded for his lively performance when he restored the Hawks' four-goal cushion by firing in from an acute angle on the right on 83 minutes.

## Ten men fight back

TEN-man Broadley Common launched an astonishing fightback to progress to the fourth round of the Essex Junior Trophy.

The win sets up a derby with Maiden FC and came courtesy of a hat-trick from Mark Jolin.

David Pitcher played through the pain barrier after sustaining a cut to his knee which later required hospital attention.

New Town come out on top in a nine-goal thriller in division one of the Harlow & District League to earn only their second win of the season. On target were Marc Noble (2), Marc Bellworthy (2) and Andrew Hamla.

In Sunday's dress rehearsal of the Division Three Cup semi-final Brookside beat St Germaine 5-3 in the league.

Despite poor conditions and being behind twice Brookside won through with goals from Jamie Cross, Adam Williams, Simon Williams (2) and Mark Whiteland.

In division five, Epping Athletic extended their lead after 3-2 win over Brookside reserves. Jason Scott and Mark Britton replied for Brookside.

Other results:- prem div – Gt Parndon 5, Parndon Royals 0.

Div one – Harberts 2, Maypole Ath res 1. Div two – A&A 1, Marquis Sports res 4; Atletico UG 1, FC Parkside 6.

Div four – Harberts A 4, Cottingham 4; Abbey Albion 2, FC Clark 5.

Div five – Rouge Lyon A 4, Eppaldo 5; Archers Dart 3, Stewards Sp 2.

## Power House hit 5

ONLY four games were played in the Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League as the weather ruled.

Just one game took place in the premier division. Third-placed Pelly House won 5-3 at Hatfield Heath. Heath's scorers were Mark Vintner (2) and Dan Ladane.

North Weald won at Old Street in the Premier Division Cup first round. P. Casey got the only goal for the hosts.

In the Division One Cup first round, Sheering reserves picked up a thumping 6-1 victory at Dunmow Rhodes. Jamie Sanders got a consolation for Dunmow.

Meanwhile, Heath Rovers crashed out with a 3-1 home defeat to Langley Rangers.

Jamie Foster struck for the home team. However, Langley progressed thanks to strikes from Joe Cowley, Ben Hadley and Alex Lawrenson.

## Weather hits soccer

THE rain was the biggest winner as the poor conditions forced the postponement of many matches due to waterlogged pitches.

Epping's Essex Premier Cup third round match at Essex Senior League side Stansted was called off and will now be played this Saturday.

The LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League programme was also hit, including the senior division one matches involving Potter Street and Roudon.

# 'Robins could rue cup postponement'

ROBINS boss Richard Branchflower had mixed feelings about the postponement of Saturday's Essex Senior League Cup game against Barking at Crofter's End.

The quarter-final tie is now set to be held on January 5 which is when the second leg was due to be held.

While Branchflower will have two injured players and two suspended players back for that tie, Barking could have a new manager and several new players.

Barking boss Rod Stringer, the assistant at Sawbridgeworth Town last season with Don Watters, quit to take charge at Aveley following the resignation of Dave Spittle last week.

Several Barking first team players – who coincidentally were at Sawbridgeworth last season – have joined him at the Ryman League division one north club and Barking would have been severely depleted for Saturday's tie.

"In one sense it gives me a chance to get a full-strength side but Barking had been struggling. This [postponement] gives them a chance to recruit," Branchflower said.

Saturday's postponement, caused by a waterlogged pitch after a torrential downpour, meant Branchflower had a chance to rest striker Kevin Moore (rib injury) for another week.

The Sawbridgeworth boss is expected to be with-

out striker Greg Hughes and captain and centre-half Richard Longley for this Saturday's trip to struggling Mauritius Sports & Pennant. The duo are suspended.

James Wyatt (foot) is expected to be sidelined for at least another week, while midfielder Matt Hayter (thigh) will not return before Christmas.

After Mauritius, Sawbo face another struggling side in the shape of Beaumont Athletic on Saturday December 22.

Beaumont are a place and a point above the Robins, but Branchflower's men have two games in hand.

"It's a chance to get some points. I'm very hopeful," he added.

**Splash and grab!**

**PEN PAL:** James Bunn scores from the spot against Margate on Saturday (JSVQQWXM04)

RYMAN LEAGUE					
Up to & incl Tue Dec 11					
Premier Division					
	P	W	D	L	Pt
Chelmsford City	19	12	4	3	40
Hendon	20	11	6	3	39
Ramsgate	19	9	4	6	31
Staines Tn	14	8	4	2	28
Margate	20	7	7	6	28
Boreham Wood	20	8	3	9	27
AFC Wimbledon	16	7	5	4	26
AFC Hornchurch	17	7	4	6	25
Harrow Boro	20	7	4	9	25
Horsham	13	8	0	5	24
Heybridge Swifts	19	5	8	6	23
<b>Harlow Tn</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>
E Thurrock Utd	18	6	5	7	23
Maidstone Utd	19	7	2	10	23
Wealdstone	17	6	4	7	22
Ashford Tn (Middx)	19	6	4	9	22
Hastings Utd	19	6	4	9	22
Billericay Tn	17	5	6	6	21
Tonbridge Angels	19	5	6	8	21
Carshalton Ath	17	6	3	8	21
Folkestone Invicta	18	5	4	9	19
Leyton	19	4	3	12	15

**REFEREE Chris Miller controversially chalked off an 89th minute 'winner' from teenage substitute Michael Gliddon which would have ended Hawks' barren home league run.**

Not since the September 1 match against Margate's neighbours Ramsgate have Ryan Kirby's side picked up three league points at Barrows Farm.

But they will not come much closer to a victory than they did on Saturday in a thrilling match.

Miller had picked up some brownie points when he allowed the match to take place on a surface that was heavily waterlogged.

But the ref turned from hero to villain when he disallowed what appeared to be a legitimate goal for a handball that not even the Margate players appealed for!

**Harlow Tn 1, Margate 1**  
(Ryman League, premier division)

By **ALAN SCOTT**  
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Just seconds were left when David Lee's dangerous in-swinging corner caused mayhem in the visitors' six-yard box.

Gliddon got the final touch but Miller spotted a hand ball and awarded a free-kick to a relieved Margate.

The hosts switched to 4-3-3 to combat the conditions and got off to a great start by taking the lead on 12

**A SPECIAL presentation was made to three Hawks players who completed impressive appearance milestones against Margate.**

**Player-boss Ryan Kirby and midfielder Leon Lalite made**

minutes from the penalty spot after Raphael Sylvester was upended by Margate keeper Scott Charmers-Stevens. James Bunn blasted the spot-kick into the left corner.

Harlow should have doubled their lead soon after but Sylvester hit the side netting from close range after a great cross from Bunn.

The hosts were made to rue this miss when Margate equalised on 18 minutes. James Hasell made an excellent block from Steve McKimm on the edge of his box but the ball rebounded back to the Margate skipper and he stabbed low into the net from eight yards.

**their 200th appearances for Harlow Town, while keeper James Hasell was playing in his 150th game for the Hawks.**

**All three were presented with bottles of champagne to mark their achievements.**

Eight minutes before the break Charmers-Stevens made a top save from Dean Williams' fierce strike.

Harlow dominated the second half and should have scored on 62 minutes when Lee's free-kick from the right was met by a diving header from Kenny Davis which almost clipped the far post.

Minutes later Hasell tipped over brilliantly from Rob Haworth's close-range header following a free-kick.

Kirby's men pushed on and Bunn's header sailed past the right post on 69 minutes before Sylvester blasted wide.

Defender Beckett Hollenbach – playing his first game since November 3 – was forced off late on with a facial injury. Gliddon replaced him and looked to have snatched a win – until Miller took centre stage.

**HARLOW TN:** Hasell 7, Davis 7, Taylor 6, Hollenbach 6 (M. Gliddon 85), Kirby 7, S. Gliddon 7 (Hill 63, 5), Lalite 8, Lee 9, Bunn 8, Sylvester 7 (Green 72, 5), Williams 7. Subs not used: Baker, Dumoulin. Att: 425.

## Seven-up for Stallions

**LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS U-9's produced some top notch football as they beat hosts MARK HALL YOUTH 7-1 in the Harlow Star Youth Community League.**

**On target for the visitors were Andrew Chong, Sam Chaplin (3), Harry Pope and Zachary Birse (2).**

**Hat-tricks from Burgess, Steadman and Kemp helped EPPING YOUTH U-11's to a 14-0 victory over Ridsen Wood.**

**Other scorers were Lodge, Jordan, Knights and Waltham.**

**Aaron Thomas struck twice for HARLOW TOWN WHITES U-10'S in a 5-1 victory at home to KILN RANGERS. other scorers were Tyler Lambert, Lewis Lawford-Paige and Bradley Marshall.**

**In-form HARLOW TOWN WHITES U-8's continued their good form with a 4-0 defeat of**

**SATURN.**

**Milo Barrett opened the scoring for the hosts.**

**The youngster also had a hand in the second as his shot deflected in off a Saturn defender.**

**A long-range strike from Milo made it 3-0 before Sam Butler completed the scoring with a fine finish.**

**Goals from Dempsey Favell (3), Becky Taylor (3), Jemma Good (3), Rosie Cavalier (2), Steff Barker (2), Kelly McCarthy, Shelby Hatt, plus an own goal helped HARLOW TOWN GIRLS to a 16-0 victory at Basildon Town in the Essex Girls League.**

**Other Harlow Star Youth League results, U-9s:- Saturn 1, Elsenham 1.**

**U-7s/U-8s – Mark Hall Youth U-87, Langley Colts Trojans U-8 0.**

● All other games postponed due to waterlogged pitches.



**BUILDING HOPE:** Harlow Star Youth Community League team Harlow Town U-10 Whites show off their new kit supplied by sponsors S & N Construction. Flanked by manager Jamie Sands, left, and coach Dean Hollyoake are, back from left, Tommy Mallia, Harrison Minihane, Nathan Argent, Ross Keenan, Joe Sladden. Front from left, Lawrence Brownlee, Nathan Stafford, George Ephgrave, Jay Sands. Ryan Beach



## Ladies shine for club in cross country series

A STRONG performance from the home club's women's team boosted Harlow's overall position in the cross country league.

The second meeting of the series took runners across a very muddy and wet course around New Hall and Hubbards farms on Sunday.

The race was again won by Ware Joggers who have been revitalised this season.

Harlow Running Club, helped by some excellent individual performances from its female contingent, improved to take third place.

Jenny Spelling produced a great run to finish 5th, just ahead of team-mate Dionne Jones in 6th.

Sharon Gilbey, running her first cross country for the club, performed excellently to finish 10th and secure joint 2nd place for the women's team alongside Bishop's Stortford RC.

Harlow's men were again led home by in-form Rick Ricketts in 8th.

Alan Broughton suffered a recurrence of an old injury but still came home in 15th.

Harlow's other point scorers were:- 19th Steve McKenzie, 20th John Evans, 21st John Tennant, 25th Jamie Luck and 32nd Jason Haigh.

Peter Barrett, competing in his first cross country for the club, did well to finish 41st.

The third fixture in the four-race league will start at Beldams Lane in Bishop's Stortford on Sunday.

● HARLOW runners competed in the Bedford Harriers Half Marathon at the weekend.

After about four miles, the wind and rain swept in and hampered the runners.

Despite the poor conditions, Alan Wise finished in 93rd place in a great time of 1hr 27mins 3secs.

He was followed home by Colin Moody in 138th place in 1:29.30, out of 1,385 who finished the race.

## Depleted Servo increase lead

A BELOW-strength GPCA Servopoint stretched their lead at the top to 10 points as second-placed White Admiral were not in action.

Servo overcame Colt Hatch 5-3.

There were good wins for CC Whites over CC Foxes 7-1 and Swift Halfs over Moot House 7-1.

Elsewhere, Young Pretenders were held 4-4 by United Glass and Swift Arrows went down 6-2 at home to Moot House Arrows.

Maximum 180s this week came from Steve Salter (CC Whites), Damian Green (Moot House Arrows) and Steve Dixon (UG Social).

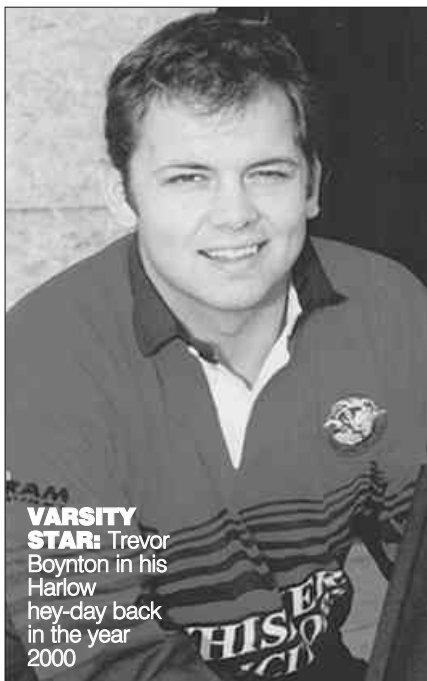
## Foy helps Essex take bronze

SCHOOLGIRL Kathrine Foy represented Essex in the Southern Inter Counties cross country fixture in North London.

The Leventhorpe School pupil competed at Parliament Hill Fields in muddy conditions.

Kathrine (16) showed characteristic gritty determination as she claimed an excellent 27th spot in helping Essex to bronze medal.

She completed the hilly 5km course in 20mins 57secs.



## Ex-Ram Boynton stars in Varsity match

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TREVOR Boynton has the chance to complete a hat-trick of wins for Cambridge University's rugby team in the Varsity Match next year.

The 30-year-old South African, who played in the Harlow first team in the 1999-2000 season, was once again a member of a successful Cambridge team against Oxford University at Twickenham.

Boynton came on as a substitute in last year's match, but played the whole of last Thursday's exciting game which saw the Light Blues win 22-16.

He is currently in the second year of a Land Economy degree.

There was little to choose between the teams with Cambridge coming back well to win after Oxford recovered from a poor start.

Boynton was part of a Cambridge pack whose well-executed rolling maul moves from line-outs earned them two of their three tries.

The lock also shone as a ball carrier and played a crucial role in a Cambridge pack which edged the tight scrums.

Defence was also a key factor in the Light Blues' win, most notably towards the end when Oxford exerted strong pressure – Boynton played his part as he made some key hits.

The only blip from him was when he gave away a penalty from which Oxford gained a line-out deep in Cambridge's half near the end, but the Dark Blues were denied.

Boynton, who was at the bottom of a pack of players celebrating victory at the end, told *Star Sport*: "I did not think they would score but it was the longest five minutes of my life."

"We showed lot of character and I

was happy to get though 80 minutes.

"I was over the moon [when the final whistle went]. We had been the underdogs coming into the match. During the season they had much the better of the results."

He added: "Shaun Edwards (Wasps coach) had helped us out with our defence and the guys did very well up front."

"I got a text [afterwards] from Lee Harron telling me to behave myself!"

Harlow player-coach and scrum-half Harron was part of the successful Rams team with Boynton in the late 90s.

The Varsity game was also the last for Oxford skipper and 1999 Australian World Cup winning player Joe Roff.

But for Boynton, it could be the second of three Varsity match wins, an achievement to savour.

Boynton added: "Not too many guys have done that. It would be a great achievement."

# Second successive loss for young side



**TOP DRAWER:** Harlow Ladies and coaches, with Mohib Uddin, back centre, owner of Vanida Thai restaurant which now sponsors the team (S)

## Five alive for super Stimpson

**THE Rams Ladies played some superb rugby as they clocked up a convincing win over Thetford on Sunday.**

**Despite appalling weather conditions Harlow still managed to play running rugby, scoring eight excellent tries.**

**Sarah Stimpson, playing at outside centre, scored five tries.**

**Nicky Millman, who came on as a second-half replacement added two more five-pointers, with Becky**

**Harlow Ladies 42, Thetford 5 (RFUW South East, Eastern division three)**

**Hodges completing the tally.**

**Rebecca Conway slotted over one conversion despite the treacherous surface which made kicking very difficult.**

**HARLOW LADIES:** Acraman, Thomas, Walker, McCarthy, Cotterill, King, Diprose, Kent, Conway, Stimpson, Hodges, Lacey, Millman, Stannard (squad).

**THERE has been plenty of highs this season but Steve White's Harlow side headed into the Christmas break on a low following a second successive defeat.**

Colchester's victory left them two points adrift of Harlow who are in third four points behind the leaders.

The unavailability of two key players in Mike Prodger and Chris Shearman-Slack left Harlow lacking in experience with eight of their players aged 22 or under.

It was this lack of experience combined with some very strange decisions from the home umpire that prompted Harlow's demise.

The visitors started the game brightly with Joe Symmonds controlling possession and Harlow pressing the Colchester defence.

White's men were furious when three penalty corners were denied in the opening five minutes alone.

Harlow continued to press with Rob Chandler and Craig Cholerton causing problems down both flanks.

The hosts began to get a foothold in the match and Harlow keeper Rich Norris was in some inspired form as he pulled off a number of tremendous saves.

Colchester eventually opened the scoring towards the end of the first half when the ball was forced home after a

**Colchester 3, Harlow 1 (NE14 East Men's Hockey League, division four south east)**

fine save from Norris.

Harlow raised their game and pressed for the equaliser finally forcing some penalty corners near the end of the half.

On the stroke of half-time the visitors equalised when Kyle Plumridge forced the ball over the line after an initial strike from White was saved by the Colchester stopper.

Colchester controlled more of the possession in the second half with the home umpire awarding them a series of penalty corners for offences that Harlow felt should have resulted in a free hit to the defence.

It was from two of these corners that Colchester scored to put the match beyond Harlow. One of these was hotly disputed as a Colchester forward appeared to fall over, long after rounding Norris only for the umpire to say that the keeper had brought the player down.

Adding salt to their wound, Harlow were reduced to 10 men when Plumridge was sin-binned for dissent.

Harlow continued to press but White lacked support up front.

Despite this defeat, this young Harlow side can take great heart from the fact that at the halfway stage of the season they are still in the top three.

**HARLOW:** Norris, Jones, Maxfield, Torvel, Plumridge, Chandler, Cholerton, Krzoska, Smith, White, Symmonds.

## Brave Colts suffer defeat after late try

WITHOUT any replacements on the bench, Harlow Colts certainly deserved more than the defeat they suffered at Chingford.

It was a brave effort from the visitors, who conceded the winning try with 10 minutes remaining but still pushed the home side to the final whistle on Sunday.

Harlow opened the scoring when James Clark, playing out of position at inside centre, kicked a loose ball down the field and as he crossed the line was unfairly tackled off the ball.

A penalty try was awarded and outside-half Barney Goodey made no mistake with the conversion.

Just before the interval Chingford scored.

The hosts eventually broke down Harlow's stubborn defence following a

maul 20m out. Their flanker broke one tackle and crossed the line.

This left the scores level at half-time.

In the second half the Young Rams again tackled well and kept Chingford out while creating scoring chances.

The winner came on 70 minutes, when Chingford scored a close-range unconverted try after some powerful pack play.

Harlow U-14's recorded their first win of the season when they won 21-0 at home to Upminster.

Playing in heavy, slippery conditions, the Junior Rams adapted their game well and although out-rucked always looked for the loose ball to hack on.

The first try came after a period of defending with Harlow putting in some fierce tackles.

From a maul, prop Scott Melville

crashed over the line for a try converted by flanker Jack Perry.

Stung, Upminster pushed on and won three tap penalties. But Harlow defended well to end this spell of pressure.

Then, from a 5m scrummage, number eight Denzil Crafton picked up from the tail of the scrum to cross the line. Perry's conversion made it 14-0 at half-time.

The Junior Rams defended valiantly after the break before scoring a third try. A loose ball was hacked out of the Harlow twenty-two and full-back Luke Healey won the race to touch down.

Perry's third conversion completed the scoring for an excellent victory.

There was plenty to be pleased with for Harlow U-13's, despite a 17-7 loss at home to a strong Woodford side.

Harlow's tackling, while facing some

big forwards, was a positive feature from which they can take comfort.

The visitors attacked from the start and the Junior Rams had to defend.

Woodford scored midway through the half and then grabbed a second unconverted try just before half-time to lead by 10 points at the break.

In the second half, Harlow continued to work hard and were rewarded when they scored a try from a tap penalty just outside Woodford's twenty two.

The ball was passed along the back line and scrum-half Andre Riddell – who had an outstanding game – came through to take the ball at speed and beat the defence before touching down. This was converted by full-back Jack Norris.

The visitors hit back with a third try to conclude the scoring.



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**Last eight spot in sight**

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**SPOT ON:** Hawks striker James Bunn, right, receives the congratulations from team-mate Raphael Sylvester after scoring from the spot in the 1-1 draw against Margate on Saturday but Ryan Kirby's men were denied a last-minute winner by the referee

— see match report on page 42

# Ref rage!

Hawks boss  
Kirby stunned  
as late winner  
is disallowed

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**PLAYER-boss**  
Ryan Kirby was left fuming after referee Chris Miller denied his Hawks a first home win in the Ryan League premier division

since September.

Harlow Town substitute Michael Gliddon thought he had made it 2-1 when he scrambled the ball over the line in the 89th minute after Margate keeper Scott Charmers-Stevens came and missed a dangerous corner from man-of-the-match David Lee at Barrows Farm on Saturday.

You could tell by the body language of the keeper and his team-mates that Margate felt it was a legitimate goal, but Miller astonished everyone by ruling that Gliddon had handled it and awarded a free-kick to the visitors.

"I'm not sure who he gave it against. The corner from Lee was so good. There were four [Harlow players] and we got the ball

down to put it in. It just got bundled in. There was no foul," Kirby said.

It would have been teenager Gliddon's first league goal for the Hawks first team and ended Harlow's miserable run of results at Barrows Farm. Kirby's side have won only one home league game this term and this was against Ramsgate back on September 1.

"It's so annoying. We have been denied that winner. I thought we absolutely dominated that second half. We caused them problems. We deserved to win. We created a lot of chances," the player-boss said.

Even Margate player-boss Robin Trott — Kirby's defensive partner in the successful Stevenage Borough side of the late 90s — admitted afterwards that he hadn't a clue why the referee had disallowed the late goal!

It was a real surprise that the referee allowed the match to go ahead in the first place as the surface was water-logged. The fact that it did owed much to the great work of groundsman Paul James and volunteers.

Kirby had been forced to make five changes to the side that drew at Maidstone last week due to the loss of three suspended players, plus worrying news about defender Danny Chapman who spent Friday night in hospital after suffering from an illness that left him violently sick and suffering severe migraines.

The 26-year-old centre-half was told by his doctor to take a week off and will miss Saturday's league trip to Heybridge Swifts. He will see a specialist next week to find out exactly the cause of the mysterious illness.



**REF JUSTICE:** Hawks player-boss Ryan Kirby